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Date: 2/19/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-1496) (P)

SUBJ: APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
 Dick Gregory;
 John B. Stetson University
 DeLand, Fla.
 3/18/68
 RM

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Re Jacksonville airtel 2/14/68 as captioned.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and four copies of LHM dated and captioned as above and two copies FD-376.

Two copies of LHM are being designated for Chicago.

Copies of LHM are being designated locally for USA, Jacksonville, Fla., Secret Service, Jacksonville, Fla., and MI, Orlando, Fla.

Verification of cancellation of appearance was not accomplished until 2/19/68, as [redacted] was unexpectedly called out of town and contact with [redacted] was not made until 2/19/68.

[redacted] advised that he will be alert to any possible future developments re caption and will as promptly as feasible call such developments to the attention of the FBI.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
 2 - Chicago (Enc. 2) (RM)
 3 - Jacksonville
 (2 - 157-1496)
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Approved: [Signature]
 Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Jacksonville, Florida
February 19, 1968

Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory,
Also Known As Dick Gregory;
John B. Stetson University
DeLand, Florida
March 18, 1968

On February 16, 1968, [REDACTED] John B. Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, advised that there had been a lengthy meeting of the Administrative Executive Board of the university held on the evening of February 15, 1968. This meeting had concerned itself with the scheduled appearance of Dick Gregory at the university on March 18, 1968. It was tentatively decided at the meeting to permit Gregory's appearance, which had been the result of an invitation of a student group, subject to the development of further information bearing upon the potential consequences of such a visit. [REDACTED] advised that the Board of Trustees of the university were scheduled to have a regularly scheduled meeting on February 16, 1968, at which meeting Gregory's scheduled appearance might be further considered.

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The Daytona Beach News Journal, Daytona Beach, Florida, contained a news item in its February 18, 1968, issue reflecting that at the request of the Stetson University Trustees, the Stetson Union Board has cancelled the March 18 appearance of Dick Gregory on the campus. It was reported that this announcement was made by the Stetson news bureau after a meeting of trustees of the university. The item related that the news bureau said that Jeff Ledewitz, President of the student group which booked Gregory, had contacted the comedian's agent to make the cancellation. Ledewitz was reported to have told Gregory's agent that the action was taken at the request of the trustees and that student officers involved in the invitation were acting in response to that request.

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Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory
John B. Stetson University
DeLand, Florida
March 18, 1968

On February 19, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DeLand, Florida,
advised that the above mentioned news item correctly
reflects the action of the Board of Trustees of the Stetson
University as well as the subsequent cancellation of the
invitation by the student group which had originally tendered
the invitation to Gregory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. JK 157-1496

February 19, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
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 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
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☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Jacksonville

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Transmit the following in _____
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM SAC, NEWARK (157-1939) -RUC-

SUBJECT RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
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OO:Chicago

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Re Chicago airtel and LHM, [redacted] and Chicago
letter to Bureau, 1/17/68.

There are enclosed for the Bureau thirteen copies
of an LHM and for Chicago four copies of LHM dated and captioned
as above.

Referenced airtel set forth information that the
subject was scheduled to appear on 2/15/68, on the Rutherford,
N.J., campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University.

On 1/22/68, [redacted]

[redacted] Rutherford, N.J. (T- informant who has furnished
reliable information in the past) advised that the office of
the Director of Student Activities had no such booking for
2/15/68, on that campus.

As set forth in LHM, the subject spoke on the
Teaneck campus of the university.

No further information is available concerning the
subject at this time.

- 5-Bureau (Enc. 13) (RM)
4-Chicago (157-347) (Enc. 4) (RM)
(1-157-413)
(1-157-2410)
(1-157-2477) ENCLOSURE

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JJK:lab

(11) [redacted] Bishop

AGENCY: ACSI, NEG, OSI, SEC. SERV.,
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HOW FORM: 8/13

DATE FORW: 2/21/68

BY: [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Newark, New Jersey

February 20, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTERS

On January 31, 1968, Detective [redacted], Teaneck, New Jersey, Police Department, who is in charge of security on the Teaneck, New Jersey, campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University, advised that the subject was scheduled to appear on the Teaneck campus on Thursday, February 15, 1968, at 10:00 a.m. He stated that this information was made available to him by the Director of Student Activities on the campus. b6 b7C

On February 15, 1968, Detective [redacted], Teaneck, New Jersey, Police Department, advised that the subject arrived on the Teaneck campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University on that date at 9:55 a.m. He first spoke to approximately 450 to 500 students in the gymnasium. He spoke there for approximately 50 minutes and then went to the student commons room where he answered questions posed by the students. In all, he was at the school for approximately three hours and his appearance was covered by the press and CBS-TV. b6 b7C

Detective [redacted] stated that the subject in his remarks spoke of conditions in the ghetto areas in the country, of the riots that have resulted, of the need for higher paid policemen, and stated that his position on rioting is that of a nonviolent Baptist pacifist. b6 b7C

Detective [redacted] stated that the students were polite in their treatment of the subject, silent on issues raised by the subject where they were obviously in disagreement, and that no disturbances occurred. He also stated that the subject did not indicate where he was scheduled to go after leaving Fairleigh Dickinson University and Teaneck, New Jersey.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The "Record", a Hackensack, New Jersey, daily newspaper, which covers Teaneck, New Jersey, in their February 16, 1968, issue carried a photograph of the subject as he appeared at the university and an article written by Roger Beirne, staff writer. The article titled "Racists' Democracy Stinks, Gregory Fumes" attributed the following remarks to the subject:

"If Negro ghettos stink and are contemptible, it is not the Negroes who stink and are contemptible. It is democracy, as practiced by racists, that you are smelling. The smell at Dachau was not of the Jews, but of Nazism.

"The law of the land should be changed to all whites are born equal. South Africa can stand on its racist attitude with honesty since that country has no law saying everyone is born equal.

"The President came to Washington as a poor, young Baptist high school teacher of 26. Today he is a multimillionaire and TV station owner."

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP (S) BY *llc*
DATE *2-5-80*

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
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Miss Holmes _____
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RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL AND LHM FEBRUARY TWO LAST CONTAINING
INFO INDICATING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FEBRUARY TWENTYFOUR THROUGH TWENTYEIGHT NEXT, AND
PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE TO BUREAU FEBRUARY TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, NO
COPY TO NEW ORLEANS.

CHICAGO SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, HAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED
FOLLOWING ITINERARY FOR GREGORY FOR PERIOD FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE
THROUGH TWENTYSEVEN NEXT: ~~(U)~~

FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE, TWENTYFOUR INSTANT - THE VILLAGE GATE,
NEW YORK CITY (NIGHTCLUB); FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE NEXT - CONNECTICUT
COLLEGE, NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT; FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX NEXT -
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, BUFFALO, NEW YORK; FEBRUARY TWENTY-
SEVEN NEXT - NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GARDEN CITY, NEW YORK;
FEBRUARY TWENTYSEVEN NEXT - WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, MIDDLETOWN,
CONNECTICUT. ~~(U)~~

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FOR INFO NEW ORLEANS, REFERENCED PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE REPORTED INFO FROM RELIABLE SOURCE WHO ADVISED FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE LAST HAD LEARNED GREGORY TO VISIT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, ON EVENING FEBRUARY TWENTYSEVEN NEXT FOR SPEECH AND TO OBTAIN SIGNATURES ON PETITIONS FOR PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY ELECTIONS AS WELL AS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WHERE HE IS BEING NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENCY. ~~(U)~~

CHICAGO SOURCES UNABLE TO CORROBORATE NEW ORLEANS INFO

ANY INFO RECEIVED WILL BE IMMEDIATELY

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FURNISHED NEW ORLEANS. ~~(U)~~

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TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO (PLAINTEXT)

ATTN. DOM. INTELLIGENCE

FROM PHILADELPHIA (157-1865)

DICK GREGORY; RM. OO: CHICAGO.

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. DeLoach.....
Mr. Mohr.....
Mr. Bishop.....
Mr. Casper.....
Mr. Callahan.....
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A RELIABLE SOURCE HAS ADVISED ON FEBRUARY TWENTY THREE,

NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, THAT HE HAS LEARNED DICK GREGORY WILL
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
VISIT PHILA., PA., ON THE EVENING OF FEB. TWENTYSEVEN,

NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, WHERE HE WILL APPEAR AT THE NIXON THEATER, FIFTY
SECOND AND LOCUST STREETS, TO SPEAK AND TO

OBTAIN SIGNATURES ON PETITIONS FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY
ELECTIONS AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, WHERE HE IS

BEING NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENCY. (U)

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SOURCE IS [REDACTED] RELIABLE. INTELLIGENCE

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AGENCIES COGNIZANT. PHILA. WILL FOLLOW AND LHM WILL

BE SUBMITTED. (U)

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FEB 1968

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 2/27/68

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-25) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka

RM

OO: CG

Re CG letter to Bureau, 1/17/68.

On 2/16/68 [] (retired SA), [] Arizona State University (ASU), Tempe, Arizona, advised that subject is due to appear at that university at 8:30 p.m., 3/27/68 and that he will stay at the Sands Motel, Tempe, Arizona, for that one day. [] advised that GREGORY's itinerary subsequent to his appearance at ASU is not yet available but he will furnish the Phoenix Division of the FBI with said information when it does become available.

[] further stated that GREGORY's one-day appearance at ASU was scheduled by the Civic Affairs Committee, which is a bonafide organization at ASU.

The Phoenix Division at Tempe, Arizona, will follow GREGORY's appearance at ASU on 3/27/68 and report his activities on that date in form suitable for dissemination.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka
 RM
 (OO:CG)

ReCGairtel to NO, 2/23/68.

For information of Bureau and Philadelphia,
 Chicago airtel to NO set forth itinerary of GREGORY
 which indicated he would be in NYC on 2/23/68 and 2/27/68.

On 2/27/68, [redacted] (conceal) [redacted]
 (reliable) advised that DICK GREGORY arrived in NYC on
 2/23/68 and is staying at the residence of [redacted]
 [redacted] NYC.

The source stated that [redacted]
 [redacted] and determined GREGORY intends to hold
 a press conference at 3:00 p.m., 2/27/68, at the Village Gate,
 NYC, announcing that he will begin a 40 day "fast" on
 Ash Wednesday, 2/28/68.

The source further advised that GREGORY will
 depart for Philadelphia on 2/27/68 for a speaking engagement
 at an unknown location.

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 2-Chicago (157-347) (RM)
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 1-New York

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NY 157-1093

On 2/27/68, Detective [redacted] Intelligence Squad, Nassau County Police Department, Garden City, LI, NY, advised that DICK GREGORY spoke before a group of white students at Nassau Community College, Garden City, NY, this date, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. [redacted] advised that there was no particular sponsor for the speech and that there were no incidents. The theme of GREGORY's talk was the need for the US to get out of Vietnam. He also spoke of the "black revolution", citing the preamble to the US constitution as authorization for the American Negroes to destroy those who oppose the black power movement.

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LEADS:

PHILADELPHIA

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA. Will advise the Bureau and Chicago if GREGORY speaks in Philadelphia on 2/27/68.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NY. Will advise the Bureau and Chicago of substance of GREGORY's press conference to be held this date.

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Date: 2/28/68

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka
SM - BLACK NATIONALIST
(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re New York airtel to Bureau, 2/27/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of an LHM reflecting an article appearing in "The New York Times" dated 2/28/68, Final Edition, page 5, regarding news conference held by DICK GREGORY on 2/27/68. Two (2) copies of this LHM are enclosed for Chicago.

On 2/28/68, [redacted] (PROB) advised that [redacted]

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DEPT: ISD, CRD, ~~REC~~ *2 DDC*
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DATE FORM: *3/1/68*
BY: *TDR/m*

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1 - New York

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
February 28, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Richard Claxton Gregory

An article, appearing in "The New York Times" dated February 28, 1968, Final Edition, page 5, reported that Dick Gregory held a press conference on the afternoon of February 27, 1968, at the Village Gate, New York City. At this conference, Gregory announced a 40 day fast in protest of the United States involvement in the war in Viet Nam. He asked that young people give up smoking so that the government would lose tax revenues and be forced to reconsider its war policies.

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Date 2/28/68

Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory, is a well-known comedian.

Pertinent parts of the attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of Department, military, and appropriate agencies, by memorandum.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-440423 AND CHICAGO (CODE)

CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM PHILADELPHIA 157-1865 1P

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RICHARD CLAYTON GREGORY, AKA DICK GREGORY, (RABBLE ROUSER
INDEX) RM-00 - CHICAGO

REMYTEL FEB TWENTYTHREE LAST.

ON THIS DATE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES ADVISED THE APPEARANCE
OF DICK GREGORY IN PHILA ON FEB TWENTYSEVEN LAST WAS SPONSORED
BY PA. PEACE AND FREEDOM TICKET FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING
SIGNATURES TO PLACE HIS CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT ON THE BALLOT.
APPROXIMATELY TWO FIVE ZERO PEOPLE WERE IN ATTENDANCE. GREGORY
STATED IF ELECTED HE WOULD PAINT WHITE HOUSE BLACK AND BRING
BACK BOYS FROM VIETNAM. MANY OF REMARKS WERE JEERED BY
"BLACK NATIONALISTS." HE STATED "WE DON'T WANT INTEGRATION,
WE WANT LIBERATION."

THOSE PRESENT ENDORSED HIS CANDIDACY.

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RELIABLE. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES COGNIZANT. PHILA WILL FOLLOW AND LHM
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CC. MR. SULLIVAN
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TO DIRECTOR 100-440423 AND DETROIT (PLAINTEXT)

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 157-1093 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY AKA. RM. 00 - CHICAGO

ON THREE FOUR SIXTYEIGHT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION
IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT HE HAD LEARNED FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT SUBJECT IS SCHEDULED TO
SPEAK AT EITHER UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN OR MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY THE EVENING OF THREE SIX SIXTYEIGHT, AND THAT
SUBJECT IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT AN UNKNOWN PLACE
IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN, EVENING OF THREE EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT.
SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY NOT IN NYC AT PRESENT TIME.

CHICAGO ADVISED BY MAIL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
Dick Gregory (Rabble Rouser Index)
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(OO: Chicago)

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15. Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 2/9/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies and for Chicago two copies of LHM.

The source mentioned in the LHM is [redacted]

[redacted]
East Stroudsburg, Pa., who has furnished reliable information in the past.

100-440423

AGENCY: ACSI, ~~SEC~~, OSI, SEC. SERV.
DEPT: ISD, CRD, ~~SAO~~

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to
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February 28, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY spoke to more than 2,000 persons in East Stroudsburg State College's Koehler field house February 15, 1968.

The source further advised GREGORY, attired in a tight blue denim suit and yellow shirt, labled the American system as "sick" and "insane". The source stated GREGORY called America's number one problem a "moral problem" and the United States the number one racist country in the world. The source said GREGORY told the college students they should not feel guilty about racism because they inherited it.

The source said GREGORY referred to H. RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL as "two young cats who have scared the USA to death and neither one owns a missile. BROWN had nerve enough to be as bitter as PATRICK HENRY." The source said GREGORY quoted H. RAP BROWN as saying "Get a gun and watch the police," was not original; "PAUL REVERE said, "Get a gun, white folks, the British are coming."

The source stated GREGORY several times blasted Russia but not once did he mention Communist China.

The source advised GREGORY, in comparing today's and yesterday's Negroes said, "Twenty years ago Blacks had empty stomachs; today, they have full stomachs but hungry minds."

The source stated GREGORY talked like a man who hates his country but he does not look it, he does not act it, and it just is not possible to imagine that the hate is sincere. Once past his delivery of comedy, GREGORY stops being a first-class salesman. To rate attention beyond a laugh, he apparently must do something flashy. This he has done by first cancelling some night club appearances to help lead a march in Alabama and more recently to announce a hunger strike of forty days.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
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(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago airtel and LHM to Director dated 2/6/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. One copy is being furnished USA and U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Chicago continues to follow activities of GREGORY. The Bureau will be kept advised of information as developed.

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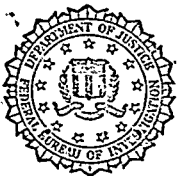
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

February 27, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated
February 6, 1968.

The following article captioned, "Dick Gregory
came, spoke and conquered" appeared in the Chicago American,
a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, on February 25,
1968. This article pertains to Dick Gregory's appearance at
Kendall College, Evanston, Illinois, on February 22, 1968.

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Mabley's report:

Dick Gregory came, spoke and conquered

By Jack Mabley

DICK GREGORY IS talking to the college students of America. "That's where the action is, and nobody knows it," said Gregory.

When you ask the whereabouts of this radical Chicagoan, you learn he is on a "college tour," which sounds innocuous enough.

Gregory is the most brilliant speaker I've heard in 30 years of listening to speakers. I'm not talking about the content of his talks, but about the mechanics of his delivery, his voice, his projection, his skill with words, his persuasiveness.

He is delivering his message of revolt "against this sick and insane system" to no less than a thousand college students a day, from one coast to the other. He is paid \$1,000 for most appearances. In the next 80 days he will speak

before 90 campus audiences ranging up to 5,000 students, faculty members, and others.

And he is reaching them. Most of them walk into the hall hating the draft, hating the war, contemptuous of the President's policies. And these audiences are not hippies or beatniks. They are young, middle class Americans.

AN INFORMED PERSON should know what Dick Gregory is telling our college students. I stood in the back of the Kendall college auditorium in Evanston for 3½ hours Thursday night. I had to stand because I arrived at 2 minutes after 8 and every seat was filled and kids were lining the walls and backed out into the halls. I thought only Castro could hold an audience 3½ hours and Castro needs a gun to do it.

"Two college students burned their draft cards, and it took Congress two weeks to pass a law making it illegal to burn a draft card," Gregory shouted. "We waited one hundred years for a law to make lynching illegal. The white system puts more value on 2 pieces of cardboard than on my mother's life—AND WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THIS COUNTRY APART, HOUSE BY HOUSE, BRICK BY BRICK!"

The students cheered.

"Suppose my daddy had been killed in 1942 fighting the Nazis. That would have meant I would have grown up without a father. But now, in 1968, the same Nazi that killed my daddy



JACK MABLEY

could come to America and live in a place where I can't live! You wonder why we're mad?"

Gregory was dressed in work clothes, and wore a mustache and scraggly beard. "I have made a vow," he said, "that I am not going to have my hair cut, or shave, or wear anything but work clothes, until the war in Viet Nam is stopped."

"SO I TRAVEL around the country and I like to stay in a decent hotel and eat in a decent restaurant but my friends say, 'Greg, they won't let you in places dressed like that.' And I say, 'Brother, if I can't get in dressed like this, then neither can my brothers fighting in Viet Nam, with their shirts covered with mud and sweat, and dried blood caked on their arms.'"

The Kendall students gave him an ovation.

They applauded when he violently attacked communism, and Russia and China supplying bullets, guns and planes which are killing our soldiers. They cheered when he said the most important people in America are our policemen and firemen, and the students should dedicate themselves to seeing these men get the security and dignity of \$10,000 salaries.

"I am a non-violent, vegetarian pacifist," said Gregory. "I am opposed to violence. But that's my hangup. I can't tell Rap and Stokely they should be against violence. I'm a vegetarian. I think it's wrong to kill animals. But I won't knock a steak from your hands."

"I fasted for 40 days. Baby, did I get the hate mail then. One I'd like to read you. Did this man hate! It starts: 'Dear Sir: This is to inform you that for dinner today I had baked chicken and gravy ...'

"MAYBE YOU REMEMBER I smoked a lot — 6, 7 packs a day. About 6 weeks ago I got to thinking, a lot of my money for cigarets is going to the government, and they're using that money to buy napalm. And I decided I was going to stop smoking, and I did."

"Would you like to hurt yourselves a little? Would you be willing to stop smoking until they end the war? Make 'em hurt just a little more? 'Cause one you stop, maybe you won't start again, and we can get them cats in the cigaret business to start carrying signs to end the war before they go broke."

The Kendall students gave Gregory a standing ovation when he stopped. He got home at 1 a. m., caught a plane for Atlanta at 7 Friday morning, flew later to Mississippi, and wound up Friday night in New York City. He made a speech at each stop.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Dick Gregory is the Negro comedian-entertainer and civil rights activist who is also well known for his outspoken denunciation of the United States Vietnam war policies. Gregory has also threatened to disrupt the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago in August, 1968.

The above information is being furnished the following agencies:

United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

U.S. Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group
Evanston, Illinois

SAC, Chicago (157-347)

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Director, FBI (100-440423) - 220

1 - Mr. Rushing
1 - Mail Room

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTERS

ReCilet dated 2/20/68.

The three reels of tape enclosed with Cilet are being forwarded your office for the completion of your files. These tapes should be reviewed and any information contained therein deemed pertinent should be furnished the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

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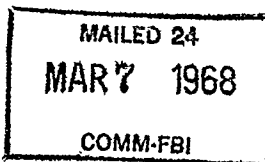
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The three reels are a recording of the speech made by Gregory at Ohio State University on 1/23/68 and were made available to the Cincinnati Office by [redacted] at the auditorium where Gregory spoke. He does not desire the tapes returned.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 2/20/68

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1077) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.
RM

OO:CG

Re Cincinnati airtel to Bureau, 1/29/68, with enclosed LHM and Cincinnati letter to Bureau, 2/13/68.

On 2/1/68, [redacted] Merchor Auditorium, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, made available to SA [redacted] three reels of tape (which are enclosed) he said contain the entire speech made by DICK GREGORY at the auditorium on 1/23/68. He advised he did not want the tape returned and that the FBI could have it for whatever use it deemed advisable. This tape is being enclosed for the Bureau's information.

The last reel #3 of the tape consists of a question and answer period after GREGORY's speech. A review of the tape at the Cincinnati Division reveals comments made by GREGORY fellow very closely to the remarks he made previously at a speech at Wittenberg University at Springfield, Ohio on 1/24/68. The text of this speech was set out in referenced LHM.

In these tapes GREGORY makes numerous references in a derogatory manner to "LBJ" as well as Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, Governor RONALD REAGAN, Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER of New York.

GREGORY also makes several favorable references to STOKELY CARMICHAEL and H. RAPP BROWN.

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In his talk GREGORY briefly mentions the FBI and criticizes the Bureau for its failure to make proper use of photography in the demonstrations.

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: DEMCON

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka

Dick Gregory

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(OO: CHICAGO)

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Bufile: 100-440423

Re Chicago teletype to Director and Springfield
dated 2/28/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM
dated and captioned as above. Two copies of this LHM are
being furnished Springfield for information purposes. This
LHM is being disseminated locally to the USA, Chicago, U.S.
Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group,
Evanston, Illinois.

First source referred to in this LHM is [redacted]

This source is engaged in a [redacted] In this
respect he [redacted]

- ④ - Bureau (Encs 11) (RM)
- 2 - Springfield (Encs. 2) (RM)
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[redacted] The
information as set forth in LHM was related to this source
in [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] ~~(U)~~

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Second source referred to in this LHM is [redacted] ~~(U)~~

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Chicago is currently conducting an investigation
concerning the activities of [redacted] and will subse-
quently recommend [redacted] for inclusion on the Rabble Rouser
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Chicago is closely following the activities of
GREGORY and will keep the Bureau advised.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois

In Reply, Please Refer to
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POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENT DURING
DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION,
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated January 3, 1968.

On February 28, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he recently learned that in January, 1968, Dick Gregory stated that he had received \$50,000 from Bertrand Russell, the English pacifist-philosopher, who conducted mock war trials in Copenhagen condemning United States policy in Vietnam. Gregory indicated that the purpose of the money was to finance a Negro movement directed against the Democratic National Convention scheduled to be held in Chicago during August, 1968. Gregory further indicated they planned to use this money to pay for the transportation of as many Negroes as will come to Chicago to participate in this movement. Gregory also planned to purchase large quantities of food staples to help feed this group. Ralph Schoenman, Secretary to Bertrand Russell, was in Chicago during January, 1968, to help Gregory make arrangements for the temporary housing of this group. (U)

This source advised that in February, 1968, Gregory indicated that he had purchased 36,000 pounds of beans, prunes and coffee and had stored these items in a warehouse located on Chicago's South Side. Concerning demonstrations during the Democratic Convention, Gregory disclosed plans to have simultaneous demonstrations at various locations miles

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POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENT DURING
DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION,
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

away from the Convention site, for the purpose of attempting to pull police units from the Convention area. In the immediate area of the International Amphitheatre, the actual Convention site, approximately 150 militants armed with guns, knives and other equipment, placed in strategic positions will create a violent demonstration. Referring to Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daly, Gregory stated, "I got that white man worried; he is really afraid of me." ~~(U)~~

Dick Gregory is a Negro comedian-entertainer and civil rights activist who has threatened to disrupt activities of the Democratic National Convention.

On February 28, 1968, a second confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he learned that [] who is active in Chicago's Puerto Rican community, stated recently that plans are being made to disrupt the forthcoming Democratic National Convention by means of demonstrations to be held three days before the actual beginning of the Convention. [] feels that police security will not be as intensive at this time as it will be when the Convention actually convenes. In this way, greater impact will be made on Convention delegates who will be arriving in Chicago during this period. [] expects that delegates will have time to react to such demonstrations and translate their reaction to their activities during the Convention. ~~(U)~~

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Region I, 113th MI Group
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/27/68

FROM : Legat, Bern (100-1132) (RUC) ~~(U)~~

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.
RM

Re LONcab 2/5/68. ~~(U)~~

Enclosed are 5 copies of the following:

Letterhead Memorandum dated

Communication dated

2/27/68

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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DATE 1-14-88

Information in the enclosure was received by Legat Bern on _____
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- ☐ Check name(s) in Bufiles.
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February 27, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.

T-1, a confidential source abroad, furnished
information as follows: ~~(S)~~ (U)

GREGORY could not be located through the
Hotel Registry in Zurich, Switzerland. ~~(S)~~ (U)

At Zurich Airport, it could be ascertained
that DICK GREGORY arrived via Swissair Flight 807 from
London on January 29, 1968. He returned to London on
January 30, 1968 with British European Airways flight 565. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Investigation could not establish the
reason for GREGORY's stay in Zurich. It could not be
determined where he stayed or his contacts. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka
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SLIP (S) BY *RLC*
DATE *2-5-80*

Re NY teletype to Bureau, 3/1/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of an LHM regarding press conference held by captioned subject on 3/1/68. Two (2) copies of this LHM are enclosed for Chicago.

Confidential source mentioned is ~~(U)~~ *b7D*

LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~" because it contains information furnished by the unauthorized disclosure of which could jeopardize the identity of this source. ~~(U)~~

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
March 4, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Richard Claxton Gregory

On March 1, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory held a press conference at the New Madison Square Garden, New York City, at 4:00 p.m., March 1, 1968. Source stated that Gregory urged Negroes to boycott the championship boxing match to be held March 4, 1968, at the New Madison Square Garden. Gregory also urged that active picketing take place at the aforementioned location.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2780)

FROM: SAC, Omaha (157-217) (P)

SUBJ: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RACIAL MATTER

OO: CHICAGO

For the information of the Bureau and Chicago, the National Affairs Committee of the Drake University Student-Faculty Council, Des Moines, Iowa, is sponsoring a two-week program on "Riots: Analysis and Alternatives". The program, which began March 5, 1968, is featuring a number of prominent speakers.

Dr. NATHAN CAPLAN, University of Michigan, gave the keynote address on opening day, speaking on the subject "Riots: Research and Reasons".

Following is the balance of the program schedule:

March 6, 1968: Movie: "The Troublemakers". A documentary of a two-year effort for community progress in a black ghetto of Newark, New Jersey.

March 7, 1968: Dr. NATHAN WRIGHT, author of "Black Power and Urban Unrest", and was chairman of the 1967 Conference on Black Power in Newark, New Jersey. Speech topic: "Disorder in the Cities".

March 8, 1968: Illinois Governor OTTO KERNER, "Examination of the Commission Report". Governor KERNER was chairman of the President's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorder.

March 11, 1968: ANDREW HATCHER, "Riots and Civil

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Rights". HATCHER is currently associated with a public relations counseling firm in New York City. He was an associate press secretary to President KENNEDY.

March 13, 1968: Panel Discussion. "The Community Response - Cooperation or Conflint". Local Des Moines speakers.

March 14, 1968: DICK GREGORY, "Black Power".

The Omaha Office will give appropriate coverage to GREGORY's appearance at Des Moines, Iowa, on March 14, 1968.

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Date: 3/7/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-775) (P)RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
Dick Gregory -
SPEECH ON MAY 6, 1968
CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)
RM

OO: CHICAGO

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and ten (10) copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned as above, reflecting information concerning a speech to be given by DICK GREGORY at Charleston, Illinois, on 5/6/68.

Also enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two (2) copies of an FD-376.

Enclosed herewith for the Chicago Division are two (2) copies of a letterhead memorandum, as GREGORY is on the Rabble Rouser Index of that office.

Local dissemination has been made to the following agencies: USA, EDI, East St. Louis, Illinois; USA, SDI, Springfield, Illinois; 113th MI group, Evanston, Illinois; OSI, Chanute AFB, Rantoul, Illinois; NISO, Chicago, Illinois; U. S. Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois.

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SPRINGFIELD DIVISIONAT CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS

Will maintain liaison with local authorities, sources and informants to insure awareness of any possible demonstrations in connection with GREGORY'S appearance.

- (3) - Bureau (100-440423) (Enc. 13) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (157-347) (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 6 - Springfield (3: 157-775) (1: 157-298)

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Will survey feasibility of obtaining details of speech from various sources.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Director
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Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

March 7, 1968

Dear Sir:

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J. Edgar Hoover
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Director

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Springfield, Illinois

March 7, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
ALSO KNOWN AS
DICK GREGORY
SPEECH ON MAY 6, 1968
CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS

The Eastern News, a publication of Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois, in its issue of Friday, February 16, 1968, carried an article stating that Dick Gregory who was described as a "Comedian - Civil Rights Activist" would speak at Eastern Illinois University during the spring quarter.

According to the article, Gregory's speech would be delivered on May 6, 1968 and it would be titled "Civil Rights - Black Power".

The following individuals were notified of the above information:

[redacted] United States Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois, 2:15 P.M., March 6, 1968;

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[redacted] 113th MI Group, Springfield, Illinois, 2:17 P.M., March 6, 1968.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-2146) (C)

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE OF
DICK GREGORY AT
HOPE COLLEGE,
HOLLAND, MICHIGAN
3/7/68
 RM
 (OO: DETROIT)

Re Detroit airtel to the Bureau, dated 3/4/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM setting forth data regarding the above-captioned appearance.

2 copies of this LHM are being disseminated to Secret Service, Grand Rapids, Mich. and G-2, Detroit, Mich. and one copy to USA, Grand Rapids.

For additional information of the Bureau, Detective [redacted] advised that in his estimation, the people who attended or heard GREGORY's talk at Hope College on 3/7/68 who are residents of Holland, Mich., were upset about his appearance at the college and that he feels the local population will be critical of college officials for sponsoring the appearance.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan

March 8, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Re: Scheduled Appearance of
Dick Gregory at Hope
College, Holland, Michigan
March 7, 1968

Re Detroit memorandum dated March 4, 1968.

On March 8, 1968, Detective [redacted] Holland, Michigan, Police Department, advised that Negro comedian Dick Gregory spoke at Dimnent Memorial Chapel on the campus of Hope College, Holland, Michigan, from 8:15 PM to approximately 10:00 PM on March 7, 1968, as part of a three-day program sponsored by the college captioned "The Crisis in Our Cities". Detective [redacted] advised that the chapel where this talk was held was filled to capacity and that closed circuit television was employed to cover Gregory's talk for additional audience in two adjacent buildings. Detective [redacted] estimated that approximately 2,000 persons heard or saw Gregory on the campus and that in excess of 95 per cent of the persons in attendance were of the Caucasian race. He said there was no violence, demonstrations, or other incidents prior to, during, or after Gregory's talk.

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Detective [redacted] advised that the talk given by Mr. Gregory was critical of the United States Government's policy and position in the Vietnam conflict and critical of the current United States administration's policies in general. He decried the ghetto conditions existing in the American cities, indicating the Negro is forced to live in slum conditions and that money spent on the Vietnam war could be better used to solve domestic problems existing in United States cities.

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Detective [redacted] said Mr. Gregory remarked in effect that the United States Government was more afraid of H. Rap Brown and Stokeley Carmichael, officers or former officers of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, than it was of the Russians.

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Re: Scheduled Appearance of
Dick Gregory at Hope
College, Holland, Michigan
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Detective [] said Gregory remarked that the Negro in the United States has been downtrodden and victimized for generations and whereas in the past he was pacified by food for his stomach, he now has a full stomach, but he will have to satisfy his mind.

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Detective [] stated that the entire tone of Gregory's talk was critical of the conditions under which the Negro lives in the United States and critical of all current policies of the United States Government, although he made no specific recommendations for change.

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Detective [] advised that there was no question and answer period after the talk and that Gregory was believed to have left Holland, Michigan, immediately after his talk, possibly for travel to Chicago, Illinois, via Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Director, FBI (100-440423) - 225

1 - Mr. Rushing

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTER

In January, 1968, Dick Gregory, whose identity is known to your office, stated that he had received \$50,000 from Bertrand Russell, the English pacifist-philosopher. Gregory indicated that the purpose of the money was to finance a Negro movement directed against the Democratic National Convention scheduled to be held in Chicago in August, 1968.

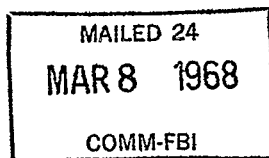
Gregory has publicly declared his intention of disrupting the above convention.

Through your sources, you are requested to attempt to develop information as to whether Russell did or did not finance Gregory in the amount of \$50,000.

1 - Chicago (157-347)

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/28/68

The Democratic National Convention is scheduled to be held Chicago, Illinois, August, 1968. Dick Gregory is a Negro comedian.

Pertinent parts of the attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of Department, military, Secret Service, and appropriate agencies, by memorandum.

We are following this matter closely.

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Dem. Nat'l Convention

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA DICK GREGORY; RM, OO: CHICAGO

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ON FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT RELIABLE CONFIDENTIAL
SOURCE ADVISED THAT HE RECENTLY LEARNED THAT IN JANUARY SIXTY EIGHT
DICK GREGORY STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
FROM BERTRAND RUSSELL, KNOWN ENGLISH PACIFIST-PHILOSOPHER WHO
CONDUCTED MOCK WAR TRIALS IN COPENHAGEN CONDEMNING U.S. POLICIES
IN VIET NAM. GREGORY INDICATED THAT PURPOSE OF MONEY WAS TO
FINANCE NEGRO MOVEMENT DIRECTED AGAINST DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION
TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO DURING AUGUST SIXTY EIGHT. GREGORY PLANNED
TO USE MONEY TO PAY FOR TRANSPORTATION OF AS MANY NEGROES THAT
WILL COME TO CHICAGO FOR THIS MOVEMENT. GREGORY ALSO PLANNED
TO PURCHASE LARGE QUANTITIES OF FOOD STAPLES TO HELP FEED THIS
GROUP. RALPH SCHOENMAN, SECRETARY TO BERTRAND RUSSELL, WAS
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IN CHICAGO DURING JANUARY NINETEEN^N SIXTY EIGHT TO HELP MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING OF THIS GROUP.

THIS SOURCE ADVISED THAT IN FEBRUARY SIXTY EIGHT GREGORY INDICATED THAT HE HAD PURCHASED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND POUNDS OF BEANS, PRUNES AND COFFEE AND HAD STORED THESE ITEMS IN WAREHOUSE LOCATED ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE, CONCERNING DEMONSTRATIONS DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, GREGORY DISCLOSED PLANS TO HAVE SIMULTANEOUS DEMONSTRATIONS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS MILES AWAY FROM CONVENTION SITE TO PULL POLICE UNITS FROM CONVENTION AREA. IN IMMEDIATE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATER, ACTUAL CONVENTION SITE, APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MILITANTS ARMED WITH GUNS, KNIVES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT PLACED IN STRATEGIC POSITIONS WILL CREATE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION. REFERRING TO CHICAGO'S MAYOR RICHARD J. DALEY, GREGORY STATED, "I GOT THAT WHITE MAN WORRIED; HE IS REALLY AFRAID OF ME."

ON FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT SECOND RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED THAT HE LEARNED THAT [REDACTED] WHO IS ACTIVE IN CHICAGO'S PUERTO RICAN COMMUNITY, STATED RECENTLY THAT PLANS

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ARE BEING MADE TO DISRUPT FORTHCOMING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION THROUGH DEMONSTRATIONS TO BE HELD THREE DAYS BEFORE BEGINNING OF CONVENTION. [] FEELS THAT POLICE SECURITY WILL NOT BE AS INTENSIVE AT THIS TIME AS IT WILL BE WHEN CONVENTION ACTUALLY CONVENES. GREATER IMPACT WILL BE MADE ON CONVENTION DELEGATES WHO WILL BE ARRIVING IN CHICAGO DURING THIS PERIOD. [] EXPECTS THAT DELEGATES WILL HAVE TIME TO REACT TO SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS AND TRANSLATE THEIR REACTION TO THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING CONVENTION.

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RE CHICAGO AIRTEL AND LHM DATED JANUARY THREE LAST.

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3:47PM URGENT 3-14-68 MMW

TO DIRECTOR 100-440423

CHICAGO 157-347

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-6951 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA; RM 00: CHICAGO

NEW ORLEANS SOURCE REPORTS THAT CAPTIONED SUBJECT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT TULANE UNIVERSITY, NO, EVENING OF MARCH NINETEEN NEXT. INFO ALSO RECEIVED THAT GREGORY SCHEDULED TO SPEAK HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH TWENTY NEXT.

CHICAGO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT SOURCES TO DETERMINE IF GREGORY COMING TO NEW ORLEANS AND HOUSTON AND SUTEL ALL INFO INCLUDING DATE OF ARRIVAL, MODE OF TRANSPORTATION, PURPOSE OF TRIP, IDENTITIES OF TRAVELLING COMPANIONS.

IT IS POSSIBLE PURPOSE OF GREGORY'S ALLEGED TRIP IS TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF RAP BROWN WHO IS PRESENTLY CONFINED NEW ORLEANS JAIL.

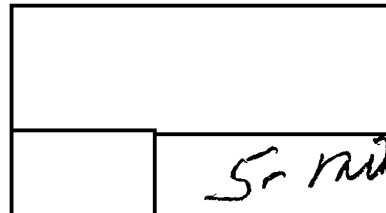
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-new)

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY
AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY,
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN
3/8/68
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM containing information concerning subject's scheduled appearance at Mich. State University on 3/8/68. One copy LHM furnished Chicago.

Two copies each of LHM has been disseminated for Secret Service, Grand Rapids, MIG, Detroit, and one copy to USA, Grand Rapids.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2780)

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-217) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RACIAL MATTER

OO: CHICAGO

DATE: 3/15/68

Re Omaha airtel to Bureau, 3/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Chicago two copies of a letterhead memorandum re GREGORY's appearance at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, on 3/14/68.

Copies of this LHM are being disseminated locally to United States Attorney, Des Moines, Iowa; Secret Service, Omaha, Nebraska; and 113th MIG, Omaha.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Omaha, Nebraska
March 15, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Detective [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department, on March 15, 1968, advised that the National Affairs Committee of the Drake University Student-Faculty Council sponsored a two-week program on "Riots: Analysis and Alternatives". This program, which began on March 5, 1968, featured a number of prominent speakers, including Richard Claxton Gregory, who spoke on "black power" at Drake University on the afternoon of March 14, 1968.

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Detective [redacted] advised that he attended the speeches and that during the speeches Gregory talked about forthcoming demonstrations in Chicago. Gregory stated that he would have demonstrators marching twelve hours a day, then twenty-four hours a day, and that these marches would eventually paralyze the city. When police could not cope with the situation, the "soldiers" would then be called out. Gregory said that calling the "soldiers" out would look bad in the eyes of the world and that this will cost the country about ten million dollars to hold the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. Gregory also remarked during his speech that some banks would be robbed and stores looted while the demonstrations were taking place.

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Detective [redacted] said that there were no racial incidents in Des Moines as a result of Gregory's appearance at Drake University.

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According to the March 15, 1968, edition of the Des Moines Register, in an article captioned "Gregory: I'd Bring Boys Home, Send L.B.J. with Barbecue Gun", Gregory when asked at the news conference about his plans to disrupt Chicago, Illinois, during the Democratic National Convention in August, said he hopes to have fifty to sixty groups "going out in different directions and paralyzing the police. They will make them bring the army in and that will cost the country ten million." Gregory said he plans the protest "because Chicago is one of the last cities in the world that

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"deserves the convention. It has not worked to solve its social problems."

Also, according to the article, Gregory in his afternoon speech, which lasted one hour and forty minutes, said that if elected President, "The first thing I'd do is paint the White House black. Then I'd bring all the boys home from Vietnam and send Lyndon Johnson - with nothing but a barbecue gun. And I'd have Eartha Kitt call him up every day and say we're working on peace feelers, baby."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 3/14/68

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-25) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
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OO: CG

Re PX letter to Bureau, 2/27/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago are one Xerox copy each of portion of the WALL STREET JOURNAL dated 12/4/67, a press release of GREGORY dated 2/27/68, and a letter from GREGORY to [redacted] Arizona State University (ASU), Tempe, Arizona. These items are being enclosed for the information of Bureau and Chicago since subject is scheduled to appear at ASU on 3/27/68.

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The enclosures were obtained from [redacted] retired SA, [redacted] ASU, Tempe, on 3/13/68.

Phoenix will report subject's activities on the date of his appearance in form suitable for dissemination.

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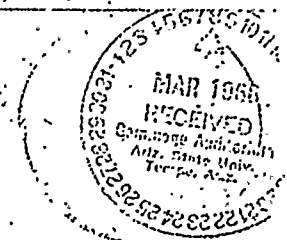
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Comic With a Cause Dick Gregory Assumes Solitary, Costly Role As a Rights Activist

He Alarms Some Old Fans,
Passes Up Club Bookings;
Peace Is Newest Passion

A Vow to 'Bug You to Death'

By DAVID GARINO

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

CHICAGO—When the time comes, write this epitaph for Richard Claxton Gregory: He Put His Money Where His Mouth Was.

Dick Gregory won't be needing a tombstone just yet, of course. He's very much alive and living in Chicago—when he isn't demonstrating for open housing in Milwaukee or telling it like it is, baby, to collegians in Latrobe, Pa. Still, the description fits.

Many people still think of the 35-year-old Negro as a full-time comedian and part-time civil rights activist. Actually, it's now the other way around, and the switch has cost the comic dearly.

Five years ago he was raking in \$5000 a week and driving a new Lincoln Continental. Even Southerners roared when he told the one about the waitress in the Dixie restaurant (Waitress: "We don't serve colored people here." Gregory: "That's OK, I don't eat colored people. Bring me a whole fried chicken.").

Today, Dick Gregory is some \$35,000 in debt and doesn't own a car. What's more, he isn't nearly as funny to a lot of people; some call him demagogue now. But none of this



"Dick has given more of himself than anyone I know."

But there is puzzlement among some who wonder what Mr. Gregory hopes to achieve in his lone wolf role. Though he contributes a great deal of time and money to various civil rights causes he represents no organization and thus has no solid base. It can't be said that his efforts have resulted in passage of a single law or ordinance that might help his people. He has some influence, no power.

Ted Determan, his former publicist, says, Dick Gregory is "the best satirical comedian this country ever had." Along with others, he thinks Mr. Gregory could make a greater contribution to civil rights by "keeping us laughing at ourselves."

But Dick Gregory himself says pressing social problems can't be laughed out of existence. He views himself as a social commentator who uses humor to interpret the needs and wants of Negroes to the white community, rather than as a comedian who happens to deal in topical social material.

He says he is trying to become a "militant but humble" civil rights spokesman, filling a vacuum between the Rev. Martin Luther King ("humble but not militant") and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee ("militant but not humble"). He is pressuring the white community into action now; clad in battered hat, denim jeans and jacket and suede shoes, he is often to be seen marching in Milwaukee, where civil rights forces led by a white Catholic priest, Father James Groppi, have been demonstrating daily for passage of an open housing ordinance.

But he is equally interested in the long-haul job—reeducating people and reshaping their attitudes on the race issue. His emphasis is on youth; he has undertaken a rigorous lecture tour that will take him to scores of colleges within the next few months. He is paid for these appearances (\$1,000 is a common fee), but his total income from this source, while high by usual standards, doesn't approach what he could be making as a comedian.

He treats his audiences to 15 minutes of humor for a starter. "I have this Arab friend," he says, "who kept telling me how the Arabs would wipe out the Jews. After the war I called him and said: 'What happened, baby? We held out in Watts longer than you did over there.'" After that, he takes a more serious tack, though he uses barbed witticisms to make his points. Some of his public statements, at colleges and elsewhere, shock. Gasps are heard

He will not criticize the militant advocates of black power. "Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael taught me nonviolence," he says, "but then they saw the same rat that bit a baby five years ago bite another one today."

In his forthcoming book, he declares: "When America heard Martin Luther King speaking nonviolence she was temporarily relieved because 'turn the other cheek' sounded better than 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But the failure to respond to 'turn the other cheek' has produced the 'eye for an eye' revolution." Elsewhere, he has said: "There is nothing in the rules which says the Negro must be nonviolent. Nonviolence is a favor, not an obligation."

One "myth" he seeks to dispel is the claim that violence has done nothing but harm to Negroes. "It sickens me to admit it," says Mr. Gregory, "but violence has helped." He notes that in some cities racial disturbances have been followed immediately by improvements in recreational and other facilities serving the ghetto.

As for Mr. Gregory, he prefers the boycott to the riot as a tactical weapon. He has encouraged use of it in Milwaukee, among other places. He views the boycott as a "substitute brick" for the frustrated ghetto dweller, observing: "People will get mad at boycotts, but afterwards buildings will still be standing, firemen won't be getting shot and Negroes won't be dead."

Mr. Gregory also recommends that the entire war on poverty be removed from political control and turned over to colleges and universities for administration. In this way, he reasons, the best brains in the country would play a decisive part in shaping antipoverty efforts. "To close the missile gap we went out and bought the best minds we could. The Congressmen realized they didn't have the education and the understanding," he says. The same thing should be done to close the social and economic gap between Negroes and whites, he believes.

Though he differs from the more radical black militants in several ways, he is at one with them in his contempt for gradualism—the step-by-step approach to Negro-white equality. A driving sense of impatience runs through all his commentary on civil rights; time and again, he lambasts the establishment for what he believes is a distorted set of priorities.

"They tell us they can't get rid of rats," he says in apparent reference to Congressional shillyshallying over a rat-control measure. The same people talking who got rid

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seems to bother him much; after all, he chose the rôle he plays now, that of the most prominent lone wolf in the civil rights movement.

The transition began in 1962. Late that year when he was in Jackson, Miss., he says he was stunned by the case of a 78-year-old Negro man who was jailed during a voter registration drive. The man's wife died while he was imprisoned—on the first night the old man ever had spent away from home. About then, says Mr. Gregory, he began to wonder if he "really had it made" when so many of his people were suffering.

His involvement in civil rights grew. Using jets the way most people use taxis, he crisscrossed the country, going where the action was. He marched in demonstrations north and south. He was hurt trying to cool the Watts riot. He saw many a fall from the inside.

Mounting Debts

He had less and less time for nightclub dates, TV and other lucrative engagements. His advisers urged him to pay more attention to business, less to rushing around the country, but he brushed off their counsel. His debts mounted as his income shrank.

Mr. Gregory's manager, Ralph Mann, estimates that the comic is giving up \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year in bookings because of his civil rights activities. Much of this is lost because Mr. Gregory simply isn't available to work a good deal of the time. In other cases, says Mr. Mann, his client's outspokenness in behalf of civil rights has caused "major TV variety shows" to reject him. Mr. Mann won't say which shows.

Creditors began to get tough. American Airlines revoked his credit card privileges because of an unpaid bill of \$8,000. It would be difficult for most people to roll up a tab so huge, but not Dick Gregory; two years ago he flew round trip daily for a month from a nightclub job at the hungry i in San Francisco to Chicago, where he participated in demonstrations against Benjamin Willis, then superintendent of schools. Also, he had his telephone service cut off. It was restored upon payment of \$3,000, says the phone company.

What's Money?

Mr. Gregory has a supreme contempt for matters monetary and admits he's no canny manager of his own financial affairs. "When America gets out of debt, so will I," he says breezily. Actually, he's better off now than he was awhile ago, when he owed a grand total of roughly \$200,000.

Dick Gregory's financial sacrifices earn him the deep respect of a number of people. "If I had his talent, which I don't, I'm not sure I'd have the courage to do what he did," says Bernard Kleinhman, the comedian's lawyer. Father James Jones, a white Episcopalian priest in Roanoke, Va., and a friend, says:

riots were legal, sanctioned by the Declaration of Independence, which, says Mr. Gregory, obligates people to overthrow the government if their inalienable rights are violated. He also raises hackles when he calls America the "number one racist country in the world."

Not long ago he created a flurry of ill-feeling, plus puzzled queries and complaints from Jewish friends, when he commented on anti-Semitism among Negroes. He said: "Every hip Jew in America over 30 knows another Jew who doesn't like niggers. So when you find some niggers who don't like Jews—well, that's just even, baby."

All this has given Mr. Gregory a reputation in some quarters as a bit of an anti-Semite, a rabble-rouser and a black power militant. But many who have watched his career closely insist he is none of these. George O'Hare, a friend who is a merchandising manager with Sears, Roebuck & Co., says: "Dick sometimes uses the volatile statement as shock treatment in order to get people to think."

Actually, Dick Gregory is a thoroughgoing integrationist, among other things. Everywhere he tells his audiences, be they collegians or business executives, "This (the racial problem) is not a question of black against white but right against wrong." He tells a reporter: "When I stop being your Negro friend and become just your friend, then we'll have a thing going." He is not interested in Negroes' exercising their rights in a black society but in an integrated society.

He remains an advocate of nonviolence. To predominantly white audiences, he declares: "I will not hit you. I will not kill you. But I will bug you to death." As for intimations that civil rights forces somehow are linked to communism, he says: "I'm not saying I won't bring this country to its knees. But if I did, I wouldn't fly across the ocean and give it to another white boy."

His own conception of black power differs markedly from the doctrine of violence and separatism propounded by others, a doctrine deeply disturbing to most whites. To Dick Gregory, black power means simple equality. Commenting on black power in his book, *The Shadow That Scares Me* (it will be released next month), he says: "All Americans have a right to a decent wage, to own their own businesses, to own their own property, and to choose and elect their own public officials who will serve as their power of attorney at the seat of government."

While he personally abhors rioting and separatism, he finds their existence today wholly understandable—and believes that whites should stop viewing violence as simple lawlessness and wake up to the "injustice" that he feels has bred the racial explosion in our cities.

of the buffalo." He maintains that if the Soviet Union publicly pledged it would rid itself of rats in five years the U.S. would respond by eradicating them in nine months.

Dick Gregory says a "monster" is driving him. Certainly something is; a reporter accompanying him is exhausted by a 15-mile march in Milwaukee, followed by a night flight east, where Mr. Gregory gives talks at three colleges in one day. But the comedian is fresh after only two hours sleep; this pace is routine for him.

A compulsive talker, he often will order a meal in a restaurant and leave it untouched while he delivers a civil rights monolog to those accompanying him. He is a vegetarian ordinarily, and currently he says he is abstaining from all food. From Thanksgiving to Christmas, he has pledged to take nothing but water, as a mark of protest against American involvement in Vietnam. He has promised \$1,000 to anyone who can prove he has eaten anything in that time. If the challenger can't prove it, he must donate \$100 to SNCC.

The fast is the most recent symbol of Mr. Gregory's increasing involvement in the peace movement. An advocate of immediate U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam, he says he intends to run for President as a peace candidate in the 1968 election.

Quixotic though this effort may sound, Mr. Gregory says he wants to serve as a focus in the next election for those who want to express their opposition to the war in concrete fashion. He is harshly critical of Lyndon Johnson, calling him "the most vicious tyrant since Julius Caesar." Of the Johnson-Kosygin conference at Glassboro, N.J., he says: "The two most powerful men in the world were meeting. Kosygin was sitting there and he don't understand English, and neither does LBJ."

His friends worry that Dick Gregory is spreading himself dangerously thin, damaging his health and perhaps diluting his effectiveness. Certainly he has little time to spend at home, a comfortably furnished six-room apartment in south Chicago that is a far cry from the slums of St. Louis, where he was raised.

He is married and has six children, ranging in age from a six-month-old boy, simply called Baby Gregory, to an eight-year-old girl, Michelle. Though he can't spend much time at home with them, he does take his wife, Lillian, and the two oldest children on some of his travels: Lillian was once jailed in Atlanta while pregnant with the Gregory twins, Pamela Inte and Paula Gratton.

If Dick Gregory sometimes yearns for a more settled existence, feels despair or hopelessness or tires of his lonely odyssey, he does not show it. Says his friend, Father Jones: "Dick doesn't believe he can be beaten."

PRESS CONFERENCE - February 27, 1968
Village Gate
Bleeker and Thompson Streets
New York City
3:00 E.S.T.

Immediate Release to all Media

Dick Gregory, the comedian who is an Independent write-in candidate for president of the United States, announced today at a press conference that he was beginning another 40-day fast in sympathy with the suffering on both sides of the war in Vietnam. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Gregory said he and his wife Lillian would take no nourishment but liquids from Ash Wednesday until April 1st, after which they will restrict themselves to a diet of distilled water for the two weeks preceding Easter. [REDACTED]

Mr. Gregory declared that his two eldest children, Michele, 8, and Lynne, 6, would fast from Good Friday until Easter and join him and Mrs. Gregory in a vigil in front of the White House throughout the Easter Week-end. [REDACTED]

Mr. Gregory, who has not shaved nor cut his hair for 3 months, since his first fast which began on Thanksgiving and lasted until New Year's, urged all those who wished to make a personal sacrifice and demonstration against the war in Vietnam to join him. He has also foregone conventional clothing for the uniform of the common laborer

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until the war is over and urged those who sympathized and "wish to express their opposition to the system" to follow his example.

Specifically Mr. Gregory asked "that people do not buy Easter eggs this holiday season as large numbers of people had expressed their opposition to the war by not purchasing Christmas trees, decorations, toys, and gifts to impress the economy with their determination to make peace on earth a reality."

Mr. Gregory repeated his admonition to "all those who wish to express their desire for peace to refrain from purchasing 1968 American automobiles and to give up smoking cigarettes, not only for your own health but to save the lives of innocent victims in Vietnam who are burned with napalm bought with the tax on smoke."

Mr. Gregory will continue with his current lecture schedule which will take him to over 40 colleges and universities in as many days.



1451 E. 55th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60615
March 6, 1968

Arizona State University
Gammage Auditorium
Tempe, Arizona

Dear

When I arrive on the Arizona State University campus to lecture, March 27, I will be in the 29th day of my 40 day anti-Vietnam Protest Fast in sympathy with the suffering on both sides of the War.

Enclosed are a copy of the original press release announcing my second 40 day anti-Vietnam Protest Fast and a copy of the December 4 Wall St. Journal article featuring me for background material.

Sincerely yours,

Dick Gregory / R/B
Dick Gregory

DG:rnrb

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Date: 3/15/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-6951) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.
RM
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re New Orleans airtel and letterhead memorandum
to Director, 2/2/68.

[redacted] Roosevelt
Hotel, New Orleans, La., advised on 3/15/68, DICK GREGORY
had made reservations at the Roosevelt Hotel to visit
New Orleans during Mardi Gras but had cancelled these
reservations. According to [redacted] GREGORY stated his
[redacted] had broken her hip and this prevented GREGORY
from coming to New Orleans.

GREGORY is reported to have stated he may come
to Mardi Gras in 1969. [redacted] knew of no plans on the part
of GREGORY to visit New Orleans in the immediate future.

C. C. Bishop

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: *TD* SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTERS
OO: CHICAGO

Re Richmond teletype to Bureau, dated 2/9/68, and Buffalo teletype to Pittsburgh, dated 2/18/68, which set out that information was received that subject was en route to Buffalo to Pittsburgh.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies and for Chicago two copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

The first source is

The other sources contacted on 2/26, 27, and 28/68, were:



All of these sources were contacted by SA

- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 10) (RM)
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Captain [REDACTED] furnished information to
SA RAY V. SHOENAKER.

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Other information in the LHM was furnished to
SA [REDACTED]



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
March 8, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On February 11, 1968, Gregory was scheduled to leave Richmond, Virginia, at 6:50 A.M., en route to Huntington, W. Va.

On February 19, 1968, Captain [redacted] Commander, Investigations Unit, Huntington Police Department, Huntington, W. Va., advised that Gregory did not make any public appearance in Huntington on or about February 11, 1968, and there was no indication that Gregory was in Huntington. Captain [redacted] further advised that had Gregory spent any time in Huntington, he [redacted] would have known it. He said that if, in fact, Gregory did come through Huntington, he had apparently merely transferred planes there.

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On February 18, 1968, information was received from the Buffalo, New York, Police Department, Detective Bureau, by the Buffalo Office of the FBI, that Gregory was scheduled to leave Buffalo en route to Pittsburgh at 10:00 P.M. that date via Mohawk Airlines.

Telephone inquiry of the information operator of Mohawk Airlines on February 19, 1968, indicated that Mohawk Airlines does not have any direct flights from Buffalo to Pittsburgh.

On February 19, 1968, [redacted] Reservations Clerk, United Airlines, advised that United Airlines Flight No. 587 leaves Buffalo at 10:00 P.M. and arrives at Pittsburgh at 10:45 P.M., daily. She advised that the passenger manifest for the flight on February 18, 1968, indicated that D. Gregory was a passenger from Buffalo to Pittsburgh. She advised he left no contact point in Pittsburgh and had no continuing reservations.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423), NEW ORLEANS (157-6951), AND TAMPA
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM OC: CHICAGO.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO
MARCH FOURTEEN LAST, CHICAGO AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR AND LHM
DATED [REDACTED] LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF TAMPA REFERENCED NEW ORLEANS
TELETYPE SETS FORTH INFORMATION REFLECTING GREGORY TO
SPEAK AT TULANE UNIVERSITY IN NEW ORLEANS EVENING MARCH
NINETEEN NEXT. CHICAGO SOURCES ARE UNABLE TO CORROBORATE
THIS INFORMATION.

ON [REDACTED] LAST, RELIABLE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE
FURNISHED ITINERARY OF GREGORY COVERING PERIOD [REDACTED] MAR 19 1968

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WAS FURNISHED APPROPRIATE DIVISIONS IN REFERENCED CHICAGO

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AIRTEL AND LHM. BEING SET FORTH IS PORTION OF ITINERARY FOR
INFO NEW ORLEANS: MARCH NINETEEN, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, ROLLINS
COLLEGE, WINTER PARK, FLORIDA; MARCH TWENTY, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT,
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

GREGORY IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN LECTURE TOUR AT
NUMEROUS U.S. COLLEGES. LECTURES ARE GREGORY'S MAIN
MEANS OF SUPPORT.

TAMPA DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE NEW ORLEANS
BY TELETYPE IF GREGORY COMPLETES SCHEDULED ENGAGEMENT
AT ROLLINS COLLEGE ON ONE NINETEEN NEXT AND FURTHER DETERMINE
DISCREETLY IF GREGORY INTENDS TO TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS SAME DATE.

NEW ORLEANS SHOULD AFFORD GREGORY'S APPEARANCE AT
TULANE UNIVERSITY, SOURCE COVERAGE. CHICAGO
WILL FURNISH NEW ORLEANS COPY OF REFERENCED AIRTEL AND LHM.
AM COPY BEING FURNISHED HOUSTON.

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MR. TRAINOR - *cl*
ROOM 836 9&D

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 3/15/68

FROM : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-1496) (C)

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
Dick Gregory;
John B. Stetson University
DeLand, Florida
3/18/68
RACIAL MATTERS

R. Gregory

Re Jacksonville airtel to Bureau 2/21/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and four copies of LHM, dated and captioned as above, and two copies of FD 376.

Copies of the LHM are being designated locally for USA, Jacksonville; Secret Service, Jacksonville, and MI, Orlando.

Two copies of LHM are designated for Chicago.

Inasmuch as GREGORY's appearance has been cancelled, this case is being closed in the Jacksonville Division.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 15, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jacksonville, Florida

March 15, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory,
John B. Stetson University
DeLand, Florida
March 18, 1968

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DeLand, Florida, advised on March 15, 1968, that Political Emphasis Week, which was originally scheduled to begin March 18, 1968, with appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory, has been rescheduled for May 9 and 10, 1968, and again May 14, 15, and 16, 1968; and one of the following individuals will be guest speaker: Dr. Max Lerner, Dr. Russell Kirk, Senator Claude Pepper or Congressman Stewart Udall.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-386) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)
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Re Chicago airtel to Director, 1/11/68, and Chicago
letter to Director, 1/17/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies
of a LHM suitable for dissemination concerning subject's
appearances at the University of Massachusetts on 2/7/68; at
Amherst and Smith Colleges on 2/8/68; at Colby Junior College,
New Hampshire on 2/13/68, and at Bowdoin and Bates Colleges,
Maine, on 2/14/68.

The sources used in the LHM are identified as:

BS T-1 is [REDACTED]

BS T-2 is [REDACTED]

BS T-3 is [REDACTED]

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The above sources have requested that their identities
be protected in view of the confidential nature of GREGORY's
appearance at [REDACTED]

Copies of the LHM are being disseminated locally to
the USA, Boston, Secret Service, NISO, 108th MI Group and
OSI.

C. C. Bishop

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For the information of Chicago, Boston has no current coverage concerning the American Program Bureau. Investigation concerning this bureau reveals that it is located at 59 Temple Place, Suite 1006, Boston, Mass., and is [redacted] concerning whom Boston has been able to obtain no additional identifying information. Bsfles reflect numerous subversive, racial and criminal references concerning the name [redacted]

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Boston feels that it is not feasible at this time to conduct additional investigation necessary to develop possible coverage of the American Program Bureau in the absence of a request by Chicago for specific information concerning GREGORY's future public appearances, it being noted that GREGORY's current schedule of appearances extends to [redacted]

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In the event Chicago requests such information, Boston will make further efforts to develop coverage of the American Program Bureau, or attempt to furnish such coverage through confidential investigative techniques.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts
March 4, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTER

On February 8, 1968, BS T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that Dick Gregory, who was introduced as a former comedian turned Negro protest leader, addressed an assembly of approximately 3000 students and faculty members at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, on February 7, 1968. The appearance was arranged under the Distinguished Visitors Program which is described as a long standing student-faculty organization which provides for regular lecturers.

The source advised that Gregory's remarks were politely received and that no demonstrations were held or incidents occurred in connection with Gregory's appearance. According to BS T-1, Gregory also spoke at Amherst College and Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, on February 8, 1968, which was corroborated by BS T-2 and BS T-3 on February 9, 1968.

The "Daily Collegian", a daily student newspaper published at the University of Massachusetts, contained an article relative to the appearance of Gregory at the University in its issue of February 8, 1968. According to this article Gregory stated: "We live in a country so sick and insane that even riots help out." According to the article Gregory praised the black power movement headed by Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown, and said that America is so sick that black people as well as white people are racists. He said that if he were elected President he would "Bring all the boys back home from Vietnam and send LBJ there all by himself", and that Vietnam "Ain't worth saving."

In his speech Gregory urged Martin Luther King to stop preaching non-violence to Negroes and start preaching

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RACIAL MATTER

it to whites. He spoke of how he and Carmichael got fed up with the non-violent philosophy, and recalled the day when non-violent Negroes were knocked down and stomped on by white policemen in Birmingham, Alabama.

According to this article Gregory predicted new riots in the cities this summer and stated that the riots will continue until we stop making the ghetto a battleground, and turn it into a lab. Gregory concluded his speech with this remark:

"It is a mark of insanity when a nation as powerful as our's gets frightened over the two simple words 'black power.'"

The February 14, 1968 edition of the "Concord, New Hampshire Daily Monitor" on page 1 carried an article captioned "Battle-Garbed Gregory Places Hope in Youth." This article stated that on February 13, 1968, Dick Gregory spoke at Colby Junior College, New London, New Hampshire, for about 2½ hours during which time he held his audience spellbound. During his speech Gregory stated that his generation is leaving the country in a mess for the next generation, and that the only hope for the country is the young generation. He said that he does not trust anyone who is more than 26 years of age.

According to the article Gregory, who is running for President as an independent candidate, stated: If I were President I would give a \$10,000 reward to anyone getting goods on any congressman. In this way we would have no dishonest congressmen."

Gregory further stated that he felt Chicago was a poor site for the Democratic National Convention and said "Unless the city adopts a five point program suggested by me I will keep the policemen busy." Gregory stated that he will not cut his hair or shave until "LBJ does something about Vietnam" and suggested that the male students present not cut their hair in protest of the war in Vietnam.

The February 16, 1968 edition of the "Lewiston Evening Journal, Lewiston-Auburn, Maine" on page 12 carried an article captioned "Challenge to Protest War Given by Gregory." According to this article Dick Gregory addressed a group of

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students at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, on February 14, 1968, during which he challenged his audience to protest the Vietnam war in a non-violent fashion. He urged them to refrain from getting their hair cut or from shaving until hostilities cease. In addition he asked them to wear work clothes until the end of the war and to quit smoking.

According to the article Gregory stated that for some strange, sick, insane reason the United States is afraid of black bombs and sent in the National Guard to take ammunition away from Negroes, while at the same time the Minutemen are allowed to keep their ammunition. Gregory stated "One of these days they are going to shoot at you. The Minutemen have never shot at the Negroes, and the dynamite they have buried in the suburban areas one day will wipe out blocks of white men and then maybe you will take that ammunition away from them."

Gregory stated that he did not come to Maine to impress the audience, but only to inform them. He stated that he did not come to Maine to make people mad, but that he could make one phone call in Chicago and make trouble and therefore he did not have to come to Maine in the middle of winter to cause trouble.

Gregory warned the audience not to feel guilty about the racism that exists today, but that the frightening thing is that in 1968 we refused to admit that this racism exists. He stated that Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown have scared this nation to death and expressed surprise that the United States could be frightened by two such people who did not even have any missiles.

Gregory stated that these two civil rights leaders were originally in favor of non-violence but after being exposed to killings and mistreatment for a period of six years, their attitudes have changed.

He described civil rights laws as nothing but an insult to the Negro. He stated that if these laws are so good "Let the white people live under them and we will take the Constitution. Don't do us any special favors. The Negroes are not asking for

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crumbs when the Constitution says half the cake is our's.
This is my country whether you like or or not."

The February 15, 1968 edition of the "Bath-Brunswick Times Record", a daily evening newspaper published at Brunswick, Maine, carried an article captioned "Dick Gregory - hip mahatma." This article reflected that on February 14, 1968, Dick Gregory addressed an overflow crowd of 700 people at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine. According to this article Gregory made virtually the same speech here as he made at Bates College which is described above.

None of the above newspaper articles indicated that there were any demonstrations or incidents of any kind in connection with any of Gregory's appearances.

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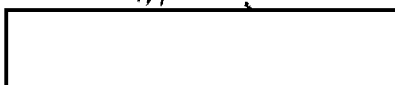
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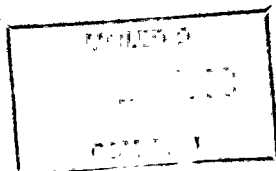
Your letter of March 11th has been received.

I am opposed to communists speaking on college campuses; however, I would like to point out that the FBI has no authority to prevent speakers, academic or otherwise, from appearing on college campuses, nor do we have any control over the selection of faculty members or the views they may espouse. Nevertheless, I do consider it my responsibility and obligation to present to the public facts concerning the infiltration of communist propaganda in our schools and colleges. The communists are highly trained and skilled in the ways of deception and distortion of the truth. These conspirators are not bound by any obligation to be honest or factual in their statements. While we all believe in academic freedom and freedom of speech, I do not feel these privileges grant license to deliberately present distortions and falsehoods.

I am enclosing an excerpt from my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations on February 10, 1966, and other literature which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (3)

Excerpt from Director's Testimony before Subcommittee on Appropriations, 2-10-66, re Demonstrations Protesting U.S. Policy Toward Vietnam
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Director's Statement re 18th National Convention, CPUSA

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect that [redacted] is the [redacted] of the John Birch Society. Last outgoing 1-27-67 declined comment on newspaper article forwarded by correspondent concerning Soviet American Consular Treaty. [redacted] is also affiliated with "Let Freedom Ring" an ultra-conservative venture critical of the Administration. Concerning Dick Gregory, Bufiles indicate that he has made numerous vicious attacks against the Director and the Bureau, and there are indications that he is mentally unbalanced. He has supported the Black Muslims and injected himself into the Negro movements. He also has espoused causes and individuals that were closely associated with the communist movement.

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The Wall Street Company

1007 SOUTH HIGH STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO

March 11, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A number of Communists and revolutionists are continueing to speak on college campuses. This of course is wrong. Newspapers come out and say that the students can speak their own minds and are not influemced. However, in talking with students direstcly, I find the opposite is true.

You have testified or made statements to the effect that Communists are not free - that they are under the complete control of Moscow, etc. and of course they are dedicated to their cause.

I would appreciate hearing from you with the documentation of your thoughts on subvensives such as Dick Gregory speaking on campuses and Communists, many of whom have spoken on the campus of Ohio State University

Thank you,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (157-762) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka,
Dick Gregory
(Rabble Rouser Index)
(OO: Chicago)

DATE: 3/21/68

Re Chicago airtel and LHM dated 1/11/68.

RAYMOND WALTON, Chief of Police, Ypsilanti, Michigan, has advised that subject spoke at Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University, on 1/10/68, to an audience of approximately 800 persons. WALTON added that GREGORY appeared wearing workmans "dungaree" type appearel, and spoke on a variety of topics, mostly political. He added that although subject touched on such topics as opposition to the Vietnam war and the draft, his approach seemed to be more entertaining. He directed jokes at government leaders, white society and "niggers," and recalled GREGORY stating that the idea of Negroes enslaving white people was ridiculous because "it'd take 2½ years just to teach them how to eat watermelon." He pinpointed the problem in the United States to be "moral pollution" resulting from "people telling lies from one end of the country to the other." He added that if social problems in the United States were faced honestly, they could be solved.

Concerning Vietnam, GREGORY stated "You guys are gonna die under the false pretense that you are creating democracy," and later added "with my political beliefs, if I tried to volunteer, the government would tear up my draft card." He characterized the Vietnam war as a genocidal war against a country without an air force, and regarding whether he would fight, stated "I'm the same guy who ran around last summer and told colored folks not to throw bricks."

WALTON added that GREGORY spoke for about two hours and presented a program which contained many of

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the routine jokes and comments heard previously on television appearances.

GREGORY, in closing, stated "We'll burn this country down; we're not gonna take these insults; what we want is what you've got--the United States Constitution."

No incidents occurred during GREGORY's presence in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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To: Director, FBI (100-440423) ATTENTION:

From: SAC, Philadelphia (157-1865) *O(C)*
☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
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Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,
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Summary of Complaint:

Remytels 2/23 and 28/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory LHM. Two copies are enclosed for Chicago.

Also enclosed for Chicago are five news clippings of GREGORY's appearances.

Information copies are furnished OSI, NISO, MI, Secret Service, Philadelphia, and USA, EDPA., of the above LHM.

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ACTION: *USAB*

☐ No further action being taken and

☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, EDPA.

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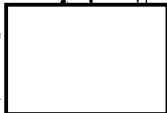
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The following informants are utilized in LHM: ~~X~~ (U)

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The LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ inasmuch as information received from PH T-1 and PH T-2, if disclosed, would tend to identify informants of continuing value whose identity, if disclosed, would adversely affect the internal security of the United States. ~~X~~ (U)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 11, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,
Also Known As DICK GREGORY

Confidential Informant PH T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised February 23, 1968, that he had learned that GREGORY would be in Philadelphia on the evening of February 27, 1968, where he would appear at the Nixon Theater, 52nd and Locust Streets in West Philadelphia, which is a predominantly Negro area. GREGORY would speak and obtain signatures on petitions for the coming Pennsylvania primary election to be held in April 1968. GREGORY was seeking to get on the ballot as a candidate for President of the United States. ~~(S)~~

On February 28, 1968, PH T-1 and PH T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised the appearance of GREGORY at Philadelphia on the previous day had been sponsored by the Pennsylvania Peace and Freedom Party for the purpose of obtaining signatures to place GREGORY's candidacy for President on the Pennsylvania primary ballot. There were an estimated 250 people at the rally. Instead of the Nixon Theater, the rally was held at the Antioch United Church of God, 11th and Huntingdon Streets, Philadelphia. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Among the things that GREGORY said during his talk was that if elected President, he would paint the White House black and bring the boys home from Vietnam. The Negro does not want integration, he wants liberation. He was quite well received by the audience.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM ALBUQUERQUE (157-147) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM. OO:CHICAGO.

REMYTEL THIS DATE.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBUQUERQUE,

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, ADVISED HE ATTENDED SUBJECTS SPEECH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, ALBUQUERQUE, ON MARCH TWENTYONE LAST AND WAS WITH SUBJECT DURING SUBJECTS SPEECH AT TEN A.M., THIS DATE UNIVERSITY OF ALBUQUERQUE. [REDACTED] STATED THE SPEECH TODAY WAS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECTS LAST NIGHT SPEECH AND TEXT OF SPEECH WAS NOT CHANGED.

SUBJECT DEPARTED ALBUQUERQUE AT APPROXIMATELY TWO P.M. THIS DATE, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] AND WAS RETURNING TO CHICAGO.

NO INCIDENTS. LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: *WJW* SAC, HOUSTON (157-1184)
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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX) RM
(OO: Chicago)

Re CGairtel to BU, 1/11/68 and Notel to BU, 3/20/68.

On 3/20/68, [redacted] (established source),

[redacted] Houston, Texas advised that DICK GREGORY was scheduled to appear at UH on 3/20/68 at 8:00 PM where he will speak in the Houston Room of the University Center. This speech was scheduled to last approximately 90 minutes with question and answer period following. Source advised the capacity of the room is 1200 and attendance is restricted to UH students who will be issued tickets on presentation of their UH student identification cards.

Source advised GREGORY was scheduled to arrive in Houston at approximately 5:30 PM, 3/20/68 and will stay at the Airport Inn Motel while in Houston.

On 3/20/68, [redacted] Airport Inn Motel, 7777 Airport Boulevard, advised a reservation had been made at the motel for DICK GREGORY for 3/20/68 with his approximate time of arrival shown as 5:30 PM. He advised the reservation was for a single room and indicates GREGORY was traveling alone.

On 3/20/68, [redacted] supra, advised GREGORY spoke as scheduled at the UH with his speech and the following question and answer session lasting until approximately 10:45 PM. Source stated approximately 1000 persons were in

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attendance and no incidents occurred. He stated GREGORY's speech was pro black power and also attacked the present administration and the Vietnam war policy. He stated GREGORY made several remarks concerning the surveillances of himself, CARMICHAEL and BROWN by the FBI and CIA but at no time were obscenities used in this regard. He stated GREGORY's speech was well received by the audience.

On 3/12/68 the Daily Cougar, official student newspaper of UH reported GREGORY's speech at UH was being sponsored by the University Center Program Council in cooperation with the lecture-artist series.

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Will furnish any additional pertinent information obtained concerning GREGORY's speech.

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TO: Director, FBI (

FROM: SAC, Detroit (157-2107)

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APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY,
BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN,
3/8/68
RM

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Re Detroit airtel 2/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM concerning a speech in Benton Harbor, Michigan, of DICK GREGORY, comedian and civil rights worker, on 3/8/68, which was without incident.

Source utilized in the LHM is

Two copies of the enclosed LHM are furnished G-2 and Secret Service, Detroit and one copy of the LHM is furnished the USA, Detroit.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan
March 11, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Re: Appearance of Dick Gregory,
Benton Harbor, Michigan,
March 8, 1968

On March 9, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights worker, spoke on the racial situation in the United States at the Benton Harbor High School gymnasium, Benton Harbor, Michigan, to an audience, predominantly Negro, of an estimated 1,350 on the evening of March 8, 1968. The speech was without incident.

Gregory, a self-styled presidential candidate, commented that Negroes are engaged in an irreversible revolution, that the Kerner Report on Civil Disorders may "keep it cool" in many fights this summer if whites examine it, although in his opinion it does not go far enough. Gregory claimed politicians are responsible for 90 per cent of the problem and said he wants to create an atmosphere through demonstration in Chicago that will keep whites out during the Democratic National Convention August 26, 1968.

He predicted that commencing the last week in May, 1968, or the first of June, 1968, marches will start in Chicago on an 12 hour basis and gradually escalate to an around the clock basis by the 4th of July.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM TAMPA

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM, CHICAGO ORIGIN.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE MARCH FIFTEEN LAST.
GREGORY'S APPEARANCE AT ROLLINS COLLEGE, WINTER PARK, FLORIDA
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 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
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 (OO: Chicago)

Re HOairtel, 3/21/68.

Attached for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM re
 captioned subject and speech subject delivered at University
 of Houston, Houston, Texas on 3/20/68.

Two copies of attached LHM are being furnished
 Chicago for information.

Copies furnished to MIG, Secret Service, OSI,
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Houston, Texas
March 22, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Richard Claxton Gregory
Racial Matters

[redacted]
[redacted] Houston, Texas advised on March 20, 1968 that Gregory was scheduled to appear at UH on March 20, 1968 at 8:00 PM, where he was scheduled to speak in the Houston Room of the University Center. This speech was scheduled to last approximately 90 minutes followed by a question and answer period. [redacted] advised the capacity of the room is approximately 1200 persons and attendance is restricted to UH students who will be issued tickets on presentation of their UH student identification cards.

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On March 20, 1968, [redacted] supra, advised that Gregory spoke as previously scheduled at the UH. Following his speech a question and answer session was held which lasted until approximately 10:45 PM. [redacted] advised there were approximately 1,000 persons in attendance and there were no incidents. [redacted] stated that Gregory's speech was pro black power and he also attacked the present administration and the Vietnam war policy in his speech. [redacted] stated that Gregory made several remarks concerning the surveillances of himself, Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown by the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) but at no time were obscenities used in this regard. [redacted] advised that Gregory's speech was well received by the audience.

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Re: Richard Claxton Gregory; Racial Matters

On March 12, 1968 the Daily Cougar, official student newspaper of UH, contained an article indicating that Gregory's speech at UH was being sponsored by the University Center Program Council in cooperation with the Lecture-Artist Series.

On March 21, 1968, the Houston Chronicle, daily newspaper, Houston, Texas, carried the following article regarding the speech given by Gregory on the night of March 20, 1968.

-U.S. 'Insane Nation,' Gregory Says at UH

BY TED D'ANDRIOLE
Chronicle Reporter

American college students have inherited "the most morally polluted, insane nation on earth," says comedian and civil rights militant Dick Gregory.

"You youngsters have got to bring sanity back to a nation gone mad. College students have become the number one moral force in the world," Gregory told more than 600 predominantly white students in a 2½-hour speech at the University of Houston Wednesday night.

The general reaction to Gregory's bitter denunciation of and jokes at the American government and social system ranged from stammering applause to uncomfortable silence.

Most of the enthusiasm came from the estimated 40 Negroes in the audience. "Like a bomb," said one student seated next to Gregory, "there was no flicking."

"When will this country be honest and stop playing games with us?" asked Gregory. "If you're going to take away the guns and ammunition from the blacks, we expect you to take away the ammunition from the minutemen."

"America's attitude toward crime and violence wasn't upset until it came to black crime and black violence."

"Fort Lauderdale has been torn up by white kids every year for the last 10 years and none of them has been shot," said Gregory.

He called Dr. Martin Luther King the "greatest moral force" in the country, but said he does not "appreciate Dr. King telling black folks to be nonviolent while not telling white folks the same."

Gregory said the country must face the fact that America, both black and white, is the number one racist country on earth.

"The shame is that the German who killed my daddy in 1942 can come to this country and move into a white neighborhood his son can't live in," said Gregory.

"What disturbs me is that if these same social problems existed in any other country, America could solve them."

Gregory aimed his strongest diatribes against the U.S. war effort in Vietnam.

"Nobody in his right mind will ever again ask America to help get rid of communism after what we've done to Vietnam," said Gregory. "It's like destroying this university with bombs to get rid of rats and cockroaches."

"If our democracy is as good as we say it is, why do we have to run all over the world trying to run it down everybody's throat?"

"Where were we when democracy fell in Greece?" he asked.

"Your parents are siding with the federal government against their kids and the kids are guns and ammunition from the right" about the Vietnam war, he said.

"If a government inspector came to your door and asked to take the family dog or cat down the street to help fight communism and perhaps he killed, your parents would fight against it."

"But the government can just send a letter asking them to send their son to Vietnam where he might be killed and they just send you off with no questions asked."

"Your parents are sick," said Gregory.

He defended black power militants Stokely Carmichael and

Rapp Brown as men who "have dared to become as bitter as Patrick Henry."

He said America laughed when Khrushchev proclaimed "we will bury you."

"Rapp Brown hasn't got any armies or missiles and yet the most powerful nation on earth is afraid of him," he said. "When a whole nation hates two men (Brown and Carmichael), there's nothing wrong with those men, but that nation is insane."

Gregory mildly criticized UH basketball star Elvin Hayes for favoring Negro participation in the Olympics.

"If America needs its Negro athletes to win, Gregory said, a Negro should be placed on the Olympic Committee."

His talk was sponsored by the UH Program Council and Lecture-Artist Series.

Photo by Blair Pittman, Chronicle staff
DICK GREGORY
Calls Parents 'Sick'

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TELETYPE

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TO DIRECTOR 100-440423 CHICAGO 157-347, AND HOUSTON 157-
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-6951 3PGS

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA; RM; OO: CHICAGO.

RACIAL MATTER

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RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, MARCH NINETEEN LAST. AND

NO TEL CALL TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE.

RELIABLE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED SUBJECT GAVE SPEECH
AT TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS, LA., ON NIGHT OF MARCH NIN
TEEN LAST. SUBJECT STATED NEGRO IN AMERICA BLAMELESS FOR HIGH
CRIME AND LIVING CONDITIONS IN NEGRO NEIGHBORHOODS. HE STATED
SUCH WERE PRODUCTS OF WHITE RACISM AND FORCED UPON NEGROES.
HE CASTIGATED UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM AND REFERRED
TO US GOVERNMENT AS "ROTTEN AND FILTHY", STATING EVERY NATION
WAS GOING TO HATE UNITED STATES. HE SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE FBI
FOR COOPERATING WITH WHITES IN SUPPRESSION OF NEGROES AND
DESCRIBED FBI AGENTS AS "SLIMY, FILTHY, AND LOUSY"; REFERRED
TO J. EDGAR HOOVER AS "THAT OLD QUEER". SUBJECT STATED UNLESS
NEGROES WERE GIVEN WHAT THEY WANTED, THEY WOULD "BURN THIS
COUNTRY DOWN HOUSE BY HOUSE AND TEAR IT DOWN BRICK BY BRICK"

GREGORY URGED ALL STUDENTS IN AUDIENCE TO PARTICIPATE
IN NAACP-PROTEST MARCH IN NEW ORLEANS MARCH TWENTYTHREE NEXT.

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SUBJECT PRAISED POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN. TULANE UNIVERSITY SECURITY POLICE ESTIMATED CROWD AT TWELVE HUNDRED, MAINLY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. NO INCIDENTS BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER SPEECH.

SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED DURING SPEECH, GREGORY STATED "JOHNSON IS A PIG" AND SAID US GOVERNMENT WAS INSANE AND ON A DESTRUCTIVE COURSE. GREGORY STATED US GOVERNMENT MUST BE DESTROYED IF IT IS GOING TO DESTROY US (NEGROES).

SPEECH WAS CONSTANT TIRADE AGAINST US GOVERNMENT. GREGORY STATED THIS COUNTRY NOT DEMOCRACY. IF THERE IS NO CHANGE, IT WILL BURN DOWN. GREGORY TOLD AUDIENCE HE WOULD BE SERIOUS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY OF US AND OFFER VOTERS "A REAL CHOICE."

GREGORY SPOKE TO REPORTER FROM WDSU TV, NEW ORLEANS, LA., BEFORE SPEECH AND STATED HIS AIM IN CHICAGO IS TO HAVE ARMY CALLED OUT AND POLICE, CONSTANTLY OCCUPIED BY DEMONSTRATORS PROTESTING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION. HE DESCRIBED DEMONSTRATORS AS "HALF A MILLION HIPPIES". THIS, STATED GREGORY, WOULD
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RESULT IN THE UNITED STATES LOSING TEN BILLION DOLLARS IN
FOREIGN INVESTMENT, EMBARASS THE US GOVERNMENT IN INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS, AND CAUSE DOMESTIC POPULATION TO FEEL THE US
GOVERNMENT WAS CORRUPT.

GREGORY HAS DEPARTED NEW ORLEANS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO VIA
HOUSTON.

GREGORY HAD DEPARTED PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF THIS SUMMARY
OF HIS SPEECH THROUGH INFORMANTS, THEREFORE, ^{Unless Advised To Contrary By BUREAU,} WAGB, HOUSTON
AND/OR CHICAGO, SHOULD DESIGNATE TWO EXPERIENCED SPECIAL
AGENTS TO CONTACT GREGORY, INFORM HIM THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF
HIS SCURRILOUS ATTACK ON FBI AGENTS AND THE DIRECTOR AND THAT
THESE LIES ARE NOT APPRECIATED AND FURTHER, BUREAU AGENTS
WILL NOT TOLERATE SUCH SCURRILOUS REMARKS.

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FBI WASH DC

CC- MR. SULLIVAN

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/21/68

Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory, is Negro comedian allegedly involved in civil rights movement. Gregory is a loud mouth, scurrilous liar.

Attached states Gregory made speech, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, 3/19/68, castigated American Vietnam policy, described FBI Agents and Director, FBI, in derogatory terms.

Special Agent in Charge, New Orleans, recommended Gregory be confronted by FBI Agents and admonished for his attack on the Director and FBI Agents. While we admire the spirit of Special Agent in Charge, New Orleans, and agree Gregory is a dastardly character, New Orleans, Houston, and Chicago Offices were instructed to not confront Gregory as such action could only lead to unfavorable national publicity. We will not forget Gregory's remarks, are following his activities closely, and will recommend appropriate counterintelligence measures against this low-life, un-American nonentity, when indicated.

Pertinent information in attached is being dissemination to the Inter-Division Information Unit and will be included in today's teletype summary to the White House and interested agencies.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/22/68

Dick Gregory, the Negro comedian and militant black nationalist has been on a speaking tour appearing before college groups where he has castigated U. S. Vietnam policy and on occasion described FBI Agents and the Director in derogatory terms. He is a loud mouth, scurrilous character and no purpose would be served in confronting him regarding his statements. Since all charges are baseless and of no particular interest to other agencies, it is recommended that no dissemination of attached be made.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM ALBUQUERQUE (157-147) P 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM. OO CHICAGO.

RE HOUSTON TELEPHONE CALL MARCH TWENTYONE LAST AND CHICAGO
TELETYPE TO ALBUQUERQUE DATED MARCH TWENTYONE LAST.

SUBJECT APPEARED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, ALBUQUERQUE,
NEW MEXICO, DURING THE EVENING OF MARCH TWENTYONE LAST; AND, IN
ADDITION TO SUBJECT'S USUAL COMMENTS ON RIGHTS AND VIET NAM,
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO POLICE OFFICER [REDACTED] FURNISHED
THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS OF SUBJECT:

"WHY ISN'T THE FBI HELPING GARRISON IN NEW ORLEANS INSTEAD OF
FOLLOWING H. RAP BROWN AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL?"

"IN GREENVILLE THE FBI KNEW OF TWENTY OR SO KILLINGS AND DID
NOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT."

"WHEN SUBJECT IN CUSTODY IN BIRMINGHAM, THE JAIL WAS SEGREGATED
AND ACROSS FROM HIS CELL WAS A GROUP OF YOUNG GIRLS WHO WERE
MOLESTED AND THE FBI DID NOT DO ANYTHING."

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"H. RAP BROWN AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL SAID 'NEGRO GET A GUN' AND THE FBI GOT ALL SHOOK."

"I WOULD HEAD A DEMONSTRATION IN CHICAGO FROM APRIL TO NOVEMBER THAT WOULD MAKE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONVENTION SEEM UNDEMOCRATIC AS THEY WOULD HAVE TO CALL OUT THE ARMY."

"FBI AGENTS IN HOUSTON ON MARCH TWENTY LAST TRIED TO RECORD HIS STATEMENTS."

"CIA FOLLOWED STOKELY CARMICHAEL AROUND THE WORLD AND RECORDED ALL OF HIS SPEECHES."

SUBJECT MADE A COMMENT TO THE FBI AGENTS IN THE AUDIENCE; HOWEVER, SOURCE DID NOT HEAR THE EXACT TEXT OF HIS WORDS. NO INCIDENTS AND SUBJECT IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT TEN A.M. MARCH TWENTYTWO INSTANT AT UNIVERSITY OF ALBUQUERQUE. LHM FOLLOWS. AM COPY FURNISHED TO HOUSTON.

OTHER OFFICE ADVISED.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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Date: 3/21/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-6951) (P)
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau, 3/19/68; New Orleans teletype to Bureau, 3/20/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. It should be noted that GREGORY's scurrilous remarks regarding the FBI and its Director have not been quoted.

The first confidential source is ☐ New Orleans, Louisiana. The second confidential source is ☐ - RELIABLE. The third confidential source is ☐ ~~(U)~~

A more detailed LHM concerning GREGORY's stay in New Orleans will follow.

One copy of this LHM is being disseminated locally to U.S. Attorney, MIG, Secret Service, and NISO.

Two copies are also enclosed for Chicago.

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c.c. Sullivan

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- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana
March 21, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 20, 1968, that subject spoke at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, on the night of March 19, 1968. This speech was given to a gathering of approximately 1200 people at McAlister Auditorium on the Tulane Campus. The title of Gregory's speech was "Civil Rights - Black Power." This speech lasted approximately two hours and concentrated on attacks against the United States Government. Gregory stated American Negroes were blameless for high crime, illegitimacy, and poor living conditions found in Negro neighborhoods. He described all such conditions as products of white racism and were forced upon the Negroes. According to Gregory, a history of violence by whites toward Negroes was the cause of urban rioting. Gregory severely criticized the United States Government. He referred to that Government as "rotten and filthy" and stated that every nation in the world was coming to hate the United States. He castigated the United States role in Viet Nam. Gregory criticized the Federal Bureau of Investigation and used scurrilous remarks to describe Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover.

Gregory stated the white population of the United States owed a very large debt to the Negro community and unless Negroes were given what they wanted, they would "burn this country down, house by house, and tear it down brick by brick."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Gregory urged all students in the audience to participate in a protest march on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on March 23, 1968. Gregory urged all young people to work in the present "revolution" to save the country.

Gregory praised policemen and firemen, stating they were the most important people in the country. He stated that soon everyone in the country would apologize to them for their poor salaries and the disrespect shown them. Gregory believed all policemen should be paid a minimum salary of \$10,000 per year.

Most of the audience appeared to be composed of university students. Gregory's presence on the Tulane Campus was without incident.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 20, 1968, that during his speech, Gregory characterized President Johnson with abusive remarks and described the United States Government as insane and on a destructive course. He stated the United States Government must be destroyed if it was going to destroy us (meaning the Negro race.) Gregory also strongly implied the United States Government was in fact attempting to destroy the Negro race. Gregory also stated this Government was no longer a democracy. He felt if the Government did not reform itself quickly, the country will be burned down. Gregory was given a standing ovation for approximately 10 minutes after his speech. During his speech he was interrupted by applause on numerous occasions. The audience was composed of approximately 25 percent Negroes, many of whom were from Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana, but some came from as far as Bogalusa, Louisiana.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 20, 1968, when Gregory spoke to the audience he directed some of his remarks at the Negroes in the audience and called them "niggers." He stated they should not be in a white college, that they should go to Negro colleges. Gregory stated "A white man is afraid of you" and that Negroes should use this fear to their advantage. Gregory stated birth control pills passed out by the United States Government in Negro communities were very dangerous and the Government knew this but was concealing that. Gregory

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

approved of a boycott by Negro athletes stating the Negro should stop being an animal for the white people while the white people take credit for the Negroes' accomplishments. According to Gregory, any Negro soldier who fights a foreigner he does not know is a fool because he should be in Mississippi fighting "cracker rednecks." Gregory stated the Negro is echoing the words of Patrick Henry when he said "Give me liberty or give me death."

Before Gregory's appearance he spoke to a reporter from WDSU-TV, New Orleans, Louisiana. Gregory stated he intends to disrupt the forthcoming democratic convention in Chicago and hopes to have the Army called out and the police tied up coping with large numbers of demonstrators. Gregory stated that these demonstrators would be "half a million hippies." The result of this, according to Gregory, would be the United States being embarrassed abroad and cause this country to lose ten billion dollars in foreign investments. Also he felt this would make it appear the United States Government was close to collapse. The United States public would then feel the present Government was corrupt.

While in New Orleans Gregory stayed in Room 11 of the Mason Motel, on Melpomene, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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To: Director, FBI
 From: SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-649) -RUC-
 Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as
 Dick Gregory.

ATTENTION:

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~~Summary of Complaint~~

Reference Kansas City airtel to the Bureau
 dated 11/13/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for
 Chicago seven copies of self-explanatory letterhead memor-
 andum.

No local dissemination is being made of this LHM
 by the Kansas City Division. Any appropriate dissemination
 should be considered by the Bureau and the Chicago Office.

It is noted subject is on the Rabble-Rouser
 Index of the Chicago Office.

ACTION: UACB:

☒ No further action being taken and
☒ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA
☒ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

AGENCY: ACSI, PHS, OSI, SEC. SERV.,

HQS: 100-440423-246DATE: 3-21-68BY: TOP/AndApproved: _____
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Kansas City, Missouri

March 18, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also
known as Dick Gregory
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to prior memorandum dated
November 13, 1967.

On the afternoon of March 15, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, informed that a recent article in the "Antioch Shopper", a community news sheet, North Kansas City, Missouri, indicated that Dick Gregory would speak in the Park College gymnasium, Parkville, Missouri, on the night of March 16, 1968; that there is no indicated potential for violence in connection with Gregory's scheduled appearance, but that for security reasons the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department would cover Gregory's scheduled appearance to determine whether Gregory might spend the night, after his speech, in Kansas City, Missouri. [redacted] said he had determined [redacted] through law enforcement officials at Parkville, Missouri, who had contacted officials of Park College, that Gregory's contract for appearance at the college banned any recording of Gregory's speech.

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Subsequently on Sunday morning, March 17, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] informed that [redacted] a Negro detective on [redacted] staff, had orally reported the following coverage of Gregory's speech and that such oral report would be formally reported later in the week; [redacted] said that after Gregory's speech at Park College the night of March 16, 1968, Detective [redacted] had visited with Gregory in Kansas City, Missouri, for several hours, early Sunday morning, and had transported Gregory to the Municipal Airport

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Re: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

where Gregory explained about 4:00 A.M. to return to Gregory's home in Chicago, Illinois:

[] reported that Gregory spoke at Park College from about 8:20 P.M. to 10:20 P.M., March 16, 1968. Gregory mentioned he is a presidential candidate as other candidates present only an evil choice for voters. During his speech, Gregory exhibited two books he had authored, namely, "Nigger" and "The Shadow That Scares Me", and referred to a third publication, "Sermons".

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Gregory said he spends about 90 per cent of his time before similar type college audiences; that youngsters must give sanity to an insane nation, and, in effect, oppose their parents, the older generation, public leaders and government, which lie to and betray youngsters. He decried parents who protect their dogs and pets but think nothing of a government taking their children for military service and killing them. He said the fact that 18-year olds are not old enough to vote but are old enough to be drafted and killed is "insane".

Gregory said he was on the 17th day of his second 40-day fast, that he wears work clothes, has stopped cigarette smoking, will not shave or have his hair cut, and will continue his civil rights work until the Vietnam war is stopped and American soldiers come home.

Gregory's remarks were interpolated with mimicry, humor, and sarcasm. He said police and firemen are necessary for our society and for order and protection, but are paid "like dogs" and "act like dogs". He said he is not for killing or hurting anyone, and, in effect, that he is not for violence; that Negroes do not hate whites but do hate the white American system; that if Negroes continue to be insulted, the nation will have to be brought to its senses, for it is man's nature to be free, and Negroes will have equality now as they are tired of lies and empty promises.

Gregory decried the public's concern about five youths burning their draft cards, about desecration of the American flag, and fear of two "niggers", Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown. He said actually draft cards are scraps of paper, flags are rags, and Carmichael and Brown are only two niggers; that what people should be concerned about is an "insane war", what the American flag should stand for, and

Re: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

the fact that Brown and Carmichael speak the truth. He displayed a shopping bag, he had used in London, which bore on it a printed "British Union Jack". Gregory said if people understood what Brown and Carmichael and SNCC had been through, when 20 civil rights workers were being lost a week in the South, the people would understand that Brown and Carmichael are doing only what they must in telling the truth.

Gregory said he had seen a lesbian loosed on children in a southern jail cell across from Gregory's jail cell after arrest for peaceful civil rights activity in the South.

There follows a copy of an article dated March 17, 1968, in the "Kansas City Star", daily newspaper, Kansas City, Missouri:

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Dick Gregory Decries Racism Before Park College Crowd

By Nancy Milner

(A Member of The Star's Staff)

DICK GREGORY, author, comedian, lecturer and civil rights worker, stood on a makeshift stage in the center of the Park college gymnasium last night and told his mostly young, mostly white audience that he didn't care what they thought of him.

He said a lot of things that he has said before—that America is the most racist country in the world, that the Negro had a hungry stomach 20 or 30 years ago but now he has a hungry mind, and that moral pollution is a greater threat than air pollution.

Just Saying 'Nigger'

In a speech mixed with sarcasm, passion, irony and conviction, Gregory charged that the term "crime in the streets" is the new American way of saying "nigger."

"What about white crime?" he asked. "Those kids that go to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and tear up the town every year—they don't get shot at."

"And what about the crime syndicate? Is it too white for the government?"

Gregory charged that the United States was the most morally polluted, most insane nation that ever existed on the earth. Again and again, he returned to Vietnam.

"It is insane in Vietnam when we say that we have to wipe out a city to save it," he told approximately 400 persons gathered on bleachers and chairs in the gymnasium. "Who would want this country to come to



ARRIVING IN KANSAS CITY last night on his way to speak at Park college, Dick Gregory, lecturer, comedian and civil rights worker, was met by John Sabatini, chairman of the social committee of the Park college student council, at the Municipal Air Terminal.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Kansas City Star

Kansas City, Mo.

Date: 3/17/68

Edition: Main

Author: Nancy Miller

Editor: Richard B. Fowler

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Submitting Office: Kansas City

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their country to wipe out communism after what we've done in Vietnam?"

Negroes, Gregory said, are tired of white people talking about what they can do for them.

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"When are the white folks going to start talking about what we can do with you?" he asked.

"Yeah, we're hard on northern white liberals, because northern white liberals have become obsolete in the Negro cause. What we need are white radicals.

"With democracy comes a lot of responsibility, and one of these days, you are going to have to stop telling us that and start listening yourselves. We're tired of this country playing

games with us. We aren't asking America to change its ways, just to be honest with us."

Gregory told the crowd that he hadn't come to impress them, but only to inform, and that when he left, he couldn't care less what they thought of him.

"Some of you may walk out of here angry or upset — but understand that I didn't fly all the way to this town to make you mad. It isn't my intention to come here and try to change your views or cure your hang-ups. I only came here to inform," he said.

No One Left the Gymnasium.

In one of many attacks on the administration, Gregory said that Lyndon Johnson was probably one of the sickest tyrants

that ever lived since Julius Caesar.

"You young folks are fighting to survive," he said. "This country is after youth . . . you have a tremendous problem, the problem of giving sanity back to an insane nation."

The riots, he said, haven't hurt the Negro cause. They should have hurt the cause, he said, but in a country as insane as this one, they've helped.

On the lighter side, Gregory said that he had been tempted to fly to Africa to get a white heart, but pointed out that the only successful transplant that has worked involved a "black heart."

"Maybe this has proved that we've got rhythm in something other than our feet," he said.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 3/29/68

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1316) (P)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
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OO: CHICAGO

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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DATE 1-14-80

Re Chicago letter, 1/17/68, and airtel and letterhead memorandum, [redacted] which set forth the itinerary of subject.

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Subject's appearances at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, and Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, made before small and almost all-white audiences on February 20, and 21, 1968, as scheduled with no incidents. Subject's appearance at University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio, on February 26, 1968, before approximately 3,000 persons, again an almost all-white audience and without incident.

All three appearances were advertised as affairs which would feature comedy during the first half of the program, and a serious discussion of black power by the subject, during the latter half of the program. Each program, however, was mostly comedy with very little serious discussion by the subject regarding black power or civil rights.

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Representatives of the Peace Action Committee of Toledo (PACT), a local organization opposed to the war in Vietnam attended the appearance of subject at Bowling Green, Ohio, on February 20, 1968, and according to [redacted] a couple of members of the group talked to subject briefly, but reported no information regarding subject's future travel plans or his racial or civil rights activities. (U)

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[] reported that members of PACT planned to hold a small reception for subject following his appearance at the University of Toledo on March 26, 1968, but their plans failed to materialize and the reception was not held. [] also advised that he was unable to develop any information regarding the future plans of subject in regards to travel, or racial or civil rights activity. ~~(U)~~

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In view of the lack of any significant information developed to date, Cleveland will hold in abeyance the submission of an letterhead memorandum until after subject's scheduled appearance at Tiffin, Ohio, on May 4, 1968.

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AT TIFFIN, OHIO

Will arrange coverage and furnish details regarding subject's appearance at Heidelberg College, on May 4, 1968.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

Following subject's appearance at Tiffin, Ohio, will prepare letterhead memorandum containing data regarding subject's appearances at Bowling Green, Defiance, Toledo, and Tiffin, Ohio.

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Date: 3/20/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (P)

SUBJECT: DEMCON
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BUFILE (157-8589)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RM
CHICAGO FILE (157-347)
BUFILE (100-440423)

(OO: CHICAGO)

Re: Chicago tel to Director, New Orleans and
Tampa dated 3/19/68 captioned, "RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,
aka."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above. An information copy of this LHM is being furnished the New Orleans and Tampa Divisions. In view of the information set forth in the LHM concerning DICK GREGORY's attempts to force Chicago City Administration Officials to call up Army and GREGORY's planned vigil at the White House during Easter Week, two copies of this LHM are being furnished to Springfield Division and WFO.

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- 1 - New Orleans (Enc.1) (RM)
- 2 - Springfield (Encs.2) (RM)
- 1 - Tampa (Enc.1) (RM)
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This LHM is being disseminated locally to USA, Chicago, US Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The confidential source in LHM is [redacted] and a source of racial information. Chicago is attempting to obtain from [redacted] and other sources [redacted] GREGORY, a revised itinerary setting forth GREGORY's future speaking engagements and entertainment appearances. Appropriate Divisions will be advised upon receipt of this information.

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Chicago Division will also attempt to obtain further details concerning GREGORY's announced vigil in front of the White House, Washington, D.C. during Easter Week and will set forth appropriate communication to WFO.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois 60604

March 20, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

157-2410

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POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS
DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATER
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
AUGUST, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum
dated March 13, 1968.

On March 19, 1968, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory held a press conference at the Knickerbocker Hotel, 163 East Walton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on March 19, 1968. During this press conference Gregory announced that he is planning to begin massive demonstrations commencing at the end of May and running throughout the summer in an attempt to force Chicago City Administration Officials to "bring in the Army". Gregory stated that the purpose in doing so is to disrupt the Democratic National Convention scheduled to be held in Chicago in August, 1968. Gregory indicated he wanted to "create a type of atmosphere where 'they' will either cancel the Convention or bring in the Army".

Gregory stated that he planned to lead marches 12 hours a day from the end of May to July 4. After July 4, the marches would be stepped up to 24 hours a day. Gregory further stated that he would organize 40 to 50 simultaneous non-violent demonstrations to be held in various sections of Chicago in an effort to disrupt the Democratic National Convention.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
AUGUST, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

During the press conference, Gregory stated that he still considers himself to be a write-in candidate for the Presidency of the United States on the "peace ticket."

Gregory also announced his plans to hold a vigil in front of the White House in Washington, D.C. throughout Easter Week in the company of [REDACTED]. Gregory stated that the purpose of his vigil is to protest the United States policies in Vietnam.

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The above information is being furnished to the following Agencies:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois

Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group,
Evanston, Illinois.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 3/29/68

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-25) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
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OO: CG

Re CG letter to Bureau, 1/17/68; and PX letter to Bureau, 2/27/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago are five and three copies respectively of a letterhead memorandum re captioned subject.

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Subject was surveilled upon his arrival at Sky Harbor Airport at 8:45 p.m., 3/27/68, to ASU campus and then to the Westward Ho Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona, at 2:30 a.m., 3/28/68. Subject was observed boarding Western Airlines Flight 700 which departed for Denver, Colorado, at 2:45 p.m., 3/28/68. Denver Division notified by telephone.

On 3/28/68 Sgt. (NA), Phoenix PD, Special Investigations Division, advised that while GREGORY was at the Westward Ho Hotel from 2:30 p.m. 3/28/68 until 1 p.m., 3/28/68, he received no visitors and made nor received any phone calls.

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This LHM is marked "~~Confidential~~" inasmuch as it contains information furnished by a confidential source of continuing value.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Phoenix, Arizona
March 29, 1968

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APPEARANCE OF
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
AT ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
TEMPE, ARIZONA
MARCH 27, 1968

On March 28, 1968, [redacted]
[redacted] Arizona State University (ASU), Tempe, Arizona,
furnished the following information:

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Richard Claxton Gregory appeared at 9:00 p.m.,
March 27, 1968, at Grady Gammage Hall, ASU, before a crowd
estimated at 750 people, which was composed mostly of ASU
students. [redacted] advised that Gregory spoke from 9:00
p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and was very critical of the President
of the United States, Lyndon Baines Johnson, the United
States involvement in Vietnam, the Executive and Legislative
Branches' futile efforts to correct crime in the street
and such departments' placing all the blame of such crime
on Negroes. [redacted] stated that Gregory was extremely
critical of parents of teenagers for permitting their sons
to serve in Vietnam, and he called the Americans the Number
One racist nation in the world.

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[redacted] further stated that although Gregory
professed to ascribe to the philosophy of non-violence,
he did use several analogies in the talk, the interpretations
of which were "if the white people don't come around, there
would be more 'burnings to the ground'".

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[redacted] stated that Gregory's attempts at humor
were well received by the audience, but that his philosophy

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of Black Power was not enthusiastically accepted. [redacted] concluded that from 11:00 to 11:30 p.m. Gregory had a question and answer period at which time he stated that it was his intention to have demonstrations around the clock in Chicago, Illinois, from May 30, 1968, until the Democratic National Convention and the purpose of such demonstrations was to exhaust the police department which would result in the calling in of the National Guard outfits, which would cause extreme embarrassment to the United States.

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On March 28, 1968, PX T-1, a reliable source of information in the past, advised that in addition to the above comments, Gregory further stated that the younger people of today should boycott the purchase of Dow Chemical domestic products, give up smoking cigarettes and the purchase of new clothes. The effects of such boycotts would arouse the manufacturers of these goods to place pressure on the government of the United States to withdraw from the Vietnam conflict.

PX T-1 stated that when Gregory was queried by a young man on whether or not he, the young man, should accept draft, Gregory advised him to be inducted and to go to Vietnam but refuse to shoot any weapons at the enemy. At this point Gregory stated that he would rather kill [redacted] [redacted] than permit him to perform acts of violence in such places as Vietnam in the future.

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PX T-1 advised that after the question and answer period from 11:00 to 11:30 p.m., Gregory had a private newspaper conference until midnight.

Following is the March 28, 1968, morning edition of the ARIZONA REPUBLIC newspaper article on Gregory's appearance at ASU:

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"DICK GREGORY THINKS 'SOMETHING IS WRONG'

"TEMPE--Dick Gregory, a comedian and civil rights crusader, said last night that America is depraved, corrupt, inept and the number one joke in the world today.

"Gregory, who addressed a crowd of 1,000 persons in Grady Gammage Auditorium at Arizona State University, lampooned President Johnson and this country's foreign policy.

"He also accused parents of betraying their teenagers by permitting them to serve in Vietnam.

"Although he criticized the federal government, America's handling of racial problems, and life in general, Gregory offered no solutions.

"His diction, coupled with the acoustics in the auditorium, rendered many of his comments unintelligible.

"Hundreds of persons leaned forward in their chairs to try to understand his remarks. Particularly when he used a falsetto voice for emphasis.

"'America is the most violent country in the world,' he said. 'I can't hit a white boy but I can shoot foreigners all over the world with the U.S. Army. I'm not going to be violent anywhere, anytime.'

"Gregory, who said his book 'Nigger' has sold 2 million copies, urged teen-agers to suspect their parents.

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"Parents are rubber stamps for the government which drafts their sons, he said.

"'Watch out for your parents,' Gregory said. 'If the government knocked at your folks' door and asked to take their parakeet to fight Communists, they'd make a big stink. But parents don't flick an eyelash when their sons are drafted.

"'Something is wrong in this country when the life of a parakeet would be questioned, but the life of a teenager is not.'

"Gregory described President Johnson as a hopeless bumpkin stumbling around with barbecue sauce on his mouth.

"'After LBJ had an operation, he showed the barbecue sauce on his scar on national TV,' he said. 'We should thank God he didn't have a hemorrhoid operation.'

"'America becomes concerned about the increase in crime only when the Negro is mentioned as a contributor,' he said.

"'A crime in the street is a new way of saying 'nigger,'" Gregory said. 'LBJ of all people is talking about crime. If Bobby Baker had been working for Adam Clayton Powell instead of LBJ, both of them would have been in jail by now.'

"He called America the number one racist nation in the world and he said Negroes and whites are to blame. Both races tend to lack compassion and understanding, he said.

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"Gregory observed that a Negro's heart was used in a successful heart transplant.

"'That teaches the whole world that black folks have rhythm in their hearts as well as their feet,' he said. 'But we want you white folks to assure us that we are not going to become your spare parts.'"

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 3/30/68

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (157-329) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
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OO: Chicago

Re Chicago letter to Bureau, 1/17/68.

On 3/29/68 through established sources ...
Portland confirmed that subject will be in the Portland
area for public appearances as follows:

4/8/68 - University of Portland, Portland, Oregon

4/9/68 - Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon (vicinity
of Portland).

Portland will follow and furnish Bureau and
Chicago with any pertinent information concerning his
appearances.

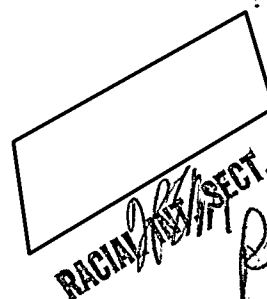
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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/19/68

Attached relates to press conference held by Negro comedian Dick Gregory 3/19/68 at Chicago, Illinois.

Pertinent parts of attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, Military, Secret Service, and other appropriate agencies by memorandum.

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Mr. Sullivan ✓
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Mr. Trotter ✓
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Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

RACIAL MATTER

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

RELIABLE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT GREGORY
HELD PRESS CONFERENCE INSTANT AT KNICKERBOCKER HOTEL, ONE
SIX THREE EAST WALTON AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. DURING
PRESS CONFERENCE GREGORY ANNOUNCED HE WILL COMMENCE WITH
DEMONSTRATIONS BEGINNING END OF MAY AND RUNNING
THROUGHOUT SUMMER IN ATTEMPT TO FORCE CHICAGO CITY
ADMINISTRATIONS TO "BRING IN THE ARMY". GREGORY INDICATED
HE WOULD LEAD MARCHES TWELVE HOURS A DAY FROM
END OF MAY TO JULY FOURTH. JULY FOURTH MARCHES
WOULD BE STEPPED UP TO TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY. GREGORY

FURTHER STATED HE WOULD ORGANIZE FORTY TO FIFTY SIMULTANEOUS
NON-VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS TO BE HELD IN VARIOUS SECTIONS
OF CHICAGO IN AN EFFORT TO DISRUPT THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO DURING AUGUST, NINETEEN
SIXTY EIGHT. GREGORY INDICATED HE WANTED TO "CREATE

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TYPE OF ATMOSPHERE WHERE 'THEY' WILL EITHER CANCEL THE CONVENTION OR BRING IN THE ARMY".

GREGORY STATED DEMONSTRATIONS AND MARCHES WOULD BE CALLED OFF ONLY IF CITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WOULD MEET THE FIVE DEMANDS PREVIOUS^{LY} ISSUED. GREGORY REPEATED HIS DEMANDS AS FOLLOWS: INACTMENT OF STRONGER OPEN HOUSING ORDINANCES IN CHICAGO; REMOVAL OF AN INJUNCTION AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING, WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX; PLACEMENT OF NEGRO IN TOP ECHELON OF CHICAGO PD; POLICE PROTECTION FOR JESSE JACKSON, HEAD OF OPERATION BREADBASKET, THE ECONOMIC ARM OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE; AND, IMPROVED SALARIES FOR CHICAGO'S POLICE AND FIREMEN. GREGORY STATED IF ABOVE DEMANDS WERE NOT MET, THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION WOULD BE HELD IN CHICAGO OVER HIS " DEAD BODY".

GREGORY STATED HE STILL CONSIDERED HIMSELF AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE "PEACE TICKET".

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GREGORY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO HOLD A VIGIL IN FRONT
OF THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C. OVER EASTER WEEK IN
THE COMPANY OF [REDACTED]
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LAST, SETTING FORTH ITINERARY RELATIVE TO POSSIBLE APPEARANCE
OF GREGORY IN TAMPA AND NEW ORLEANS DIVISIONS MARCH NINETEEN
INSTANT. AS INDICATED ABOVE GREGORY IN CHICAGO THIS DATE.
NO INFORMATION RECEIVED CONCERNING FUTURE ITINERARY OF
GREGORY. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE REFERRED TO IS [REDACTED] *RACIAL INFORMANT*

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[REDACTED] AND SOURCE OF RACIAL INFORMATION.
THIS SOURCE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN CURRENT OR REVISED ITINERARY
OF GREGORY. MILITARY ADVISED. *Memo* LHM FOLLOWS. COPIES LOCALLY
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cc: Mr. Tamm

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Date: 3/29/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-946) (P)
 RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.
 RM
 OO - CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 1/11/68, and Chicago letter to Bureau, 1/17/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM reflecting investigation at Commerce, Texas. Seven copies are designated for Chicago, 00 in the captioned matter, as that office may desire to make local dissemination. Two copies of the LHM are being furnished to U. S. Secret Service, and MIG, Dallas; and one each to OSI, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, NISO, New Orleans, and USAs Fort Worth and Tyler, Texas.

Investigation was conducted by SA DEL D. DRAKE, JR.

For the information of the Bureau and Chicago, [] is known to be very reliable and is just completing his first year as [] of East Texas State University. It is not believed that GREGORY will appear at East Texas State University in view of how [] feels about this matter, but he wants the student committee to make the decision on its own.

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AT COMMERCE, TEXAS: Will maintain contact with []
 C. C. [] at ETSU.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Dallas, Texas
March 29, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On March 14, 1968, [redacted] East Texas State University (ETSU), Commerce Texas, advised that the university had a committee entitled "Ideas and Issues Committee", and this committee, with the approval of the Dean of Students as well as himself, could hire outside speakers for the benefit of the student body. He said that he had been advised that this committee had received a letter from the American Program Bureau, 59 Temple Place, Boston, Massachusetts, in regard to the consideration of Richard Gregory as a lecturer on the ETSU campus. He stated that he understood that Gregory was to be in the area of Commerce, Texas, about May 1, 1968, and that this had been a suggested date made by the American Program Bureau.

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[redacted] both advised that there had been no commitment made to Gregory or the Program Bureau, and that actually the school officials did not expect any to be made or sent to the school officials for consideration, since this student committee was not in a majority in wanting Gregory on the campus. [redacted] said that he was leaving this matter in this status since he wanted the students to make up their own minds and did not want them to say that the university officials ruled against allowing Gregory to speak on the campus. He pointed out that he had not found it necessary to step into any such matters previously and did not think it would be necessary in this case, but that if it were necessary he would take issue. [redacted] stated that Gregory's fee for the campus appearance had been quoted at \$1900.00 for the one night and that as far as he was concerned, and he understood this was the feeling of the majority of the committee, that such a fee was entirely too much for such a program when only a "handful of students would attend."

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[redacted] stated that in the event anything more was heard of from the committee about Gregory he would advise but he felt that the matter was a closed issue and it had not been necessary that the university officials make an issue of it.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (157-147) (RUC)
RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
Dick Gregory
(AGITATOR INDEX)
RACIAL MATTER

Re Albuquerque teletype to Bureau dated 3/22/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a
letterhead memorandum and three copies for Chicago, which
are self-explanatory.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Albuquerque, New Mexico

March 26, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTERS

GREGORY appeared at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, during the evening of March 21, 1968; spoke to an audience of 1,300; and, in addition to GREGORY's usual comments on civil rights and the war in Vietnam, University of New Mexico Police Officer [redacted] furnished the following comments of GREGORY:

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The Negroes will "burn this country down house by house if you whites don't stop this nonsense of insulting us."

"What we want is constitutional rights . . . We hear of civil rights legislation. This is nothing. Why don't white people live under it? We want to live under constitutional rights."

"Why isn't the FBI helping Garrison in New Orleans instead of following H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael?"

"In Greenville the FBI knew of twenty or so killings and did not do anything about it."

"When I was in custody in Birmingham, the jail was segregated and across from my cell was a group of young girls who were molested and the FBI did not do anything."

"H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael said, 'Negroes get a gun,' and the FBI got all shook."

"I will head a demonstration in Chicago from April to November that will make the Democratic Party Convention seem undemocratic as they will have to call out the Army."

"FBI Agents in Houston on March 20, 1968, tried to record my statements."

"CIA has followed Stokely Carmichael around the world and has recorded all of his speeches."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

[redacted] University of Albuquerque, Albuquerque, New Mexico, advised that he attended the GREGORY speech at the University of New Mexico on March 21, 1968, and was with GREGORY during his speech on March 22, 1968, at the University of Albuquerque.

[redacted] stated the speech of March 22, 1968, was identical with GREGORY's speech of March 21, 1968, and the text of the speech was unchanged.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 4/3/68

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (157-253) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
Dick Gregory
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies
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same LHM is enclosed for Chicago.

Confidential source referred to in LHM is

Canton, New York, Police Department.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Albany, New York
April 3, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as DICK GREGORY, Negro comedian, appeared at the State University Agriculture--Technical College, Canton, New York, on February 18, 1968. He stated that GREGORY appeared with the "Box Tops", a rock and roll band, at Madill Hall. His appearance was sponsored by the Winter Carnival Committee and arrangements for Mr. GREGORY's appearance were arranged by [redacted] [redacted] American Programs, Boston, Massachusetts.

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The source continued that GREGORY's appearance at the University was confined strictly to entertainment and he did not in any way express any comments regarding racial matters. Confidential source stated he had determined when GREGORY appears as a comedian, he confines his activities to comedy routines and does not indulge in racial matters.

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Page 33153. Senator Eyrd, (D) West Virginia, pointed out that the Washington Post today commented quite pointedly and quite sensibly on comedian Dick Gregory's plans to disrupt the 1968 Democratic nominating convention in Chicago this summer. Such disruptions of the democratic process as Gregory plans cannot be tolerated. He included the editorial entitled "Gregory's Threat" with his remarks.

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MAR. 22, 1968

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Original filed in:

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for MAR. 21, 1968 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Date: 4/2/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1316) (P)
 RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
 (RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)
 RM
 OO: CHICAGO

*Richard
Claxton Gregory*

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau, 3/29/68.

The Toledo Blade, 3/27/68, contained an article regarding subject's appearance in Toledo the previous day as well as results of an interview with him.

During this interview the subject had the following comments regarding marching and demonstrations against the Democratic convention in Chicago: The article quotes him as follows:

"Chicago has got to go. We just scheduled marching plans for that city.

"I'll be demonstrating there because the city is corrupt, and has done nothing to help find a solution for the race situation. I'll be demonstrating against the Democratic convention because the Democrats had no business honoring a city like Chicago with the convention."

"Gregory said that marching will start May 30 for 12 hours a day, lengthening gradually to 24 hours a day by July 4,

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- 2 - Chicago (157-347) (RM)
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and continuing through the convention in August.

"We'll be able to send 10, 12, 14 parades out in different directions and it will be too much for the police to handle. Then they'll have to call the army in."...

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and Chicago in view of subject's quoted comments regarding the planned demonstrations in Chicago. This as well as other pertinent information re subject's appearance in Toledo will be subsequently furnished in an LHM.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-64492) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RM
OO: Chicago

DATE: 4/5/68

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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 1/11/68,
Chicago letter to Bureau dated 1/17/68, Los Angeles
letter to Bureau dated 1/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a
Letterhead Memorandum and three copies are being furnished
to Chicago who is Office of Origin in this matter.

The enclosed Letterhead Memorandum sets forth
details concerning a rally at California State Polytechnic
College, San Luis Obispo, California, on 3/29/68, featuring
GREGORY.

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San Luis Obispo.

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DEPT: ISD, ~~OSI~~, ~~SEC. SERV.~~, 1014

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BY: ERS: [signature]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

April 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is being made to Chicago's Memorandum dated January 11, 1968, captioned, "Richard Claxton Gregory; Racial Matter."

On March 8, 1968, page one of the "Mustang Daily", college newspaper for California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, California, an article appeared captioned, "Comic - Annotator slated to appear" which indicated that Dick Gregory a comedian turned political critic, ~~who would~~ appeared on the college campus, March 29, 1968, in the Mens Gym at 8:00 p.m. The article further related that Gregory would draw a capacity audience and numerous churches and civic organizations were sending large delegations.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 1, 1968, indicated that Gregory spoke at California Polytechnic College before approximately 1,500 college students, a mixture of mods, war protestors and hippies. The rally went without incident and Gregory's comments were mainly concerning civil rights problems and statements against the war in Vietnam.

In the March 30, 1968, edition of the Santa Maria Times, Santa Maria, California, an article appeared on page one entitled, "Gregory" written by George C. Flowers, Santa Maria Times Newspaper Editor related substantially the following:

Negro Comedian Dick Gregory was loudly applauded by 1,600 young people at the California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, California, on Friday night, March 29, 1968, when he spoke concerning riots and violence that have helped the American Negro. He related "I would be sick if I told you I advocate violence" but further stated that "black man in Watts and in Detroit and everywhere has made some big gains since he began to riot."

Gregory related he was on his 31st day of a protest fast, but his speech lasted approximately two and a half hours during which time he defended H. Rap Brown and STOKELY Carmichael

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and suggested a boycott of Dow Chemical products and told the audience "half you young men here will be dead in 18 months if we don't stop the war"; rapped Bobbie Kennedy; and said that if American's problems are not solved in the next three years, "there won't be any problems."

Repeatedly he criticized America as an insane nation, and he was repeatedly applauded by the audience. The height of the insanity, Gregory said "is the war in Vietnam."

In reference to the Negroes avoiding the Olympic games, Gregory said "I wouldn't have said anything. I would have qualified, and then I would have dropped the baton."

He related, "I can't understand why white folks are dumb enough to pay me \$1,500 so that I will explain black power to them. Look it up in the dictionary, that's where it will tell you what 'black' and 'power' means."

Gregory called President Johnson, "The greatest tyrant since Caesar" and was loudly applauded.

He said Americans had a double standard about violence. "Americans pay little attention to violence as long as it's white violence. But when it's black violence they get very upset."

Gregory characterized himself as a racist. He urged the white people to work among the poor white people and the black people to work with the black people. The article terminated by saying that "Gregory avoided obscenities in his public speech at Poly, but used them liberally in the semi-private press conference that followed."

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Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-2185)BLACK STUDENT ALLIANCE,
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY,
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN
RMRe Detroit airtel to the Bureau, dated 3/11/68,
captioned "APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AT MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY, EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN, 3/8/68, RM".Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies, Philadelphia
two copies, and Columbia one copy of an LHM dated and
captioned as above.One copy of LHM also being disseminated to
Secret Service, Grand Rapids, Mich., MIG, Detroit, OSI,
Dayton, Ohio, and ONI, Chicago, Ill.Referenced airtel contained information regarding
the formation of the Black Student Alliance at Michigan
State University.

Sources utilized in LHM are as follows:

DE T-1 is [REDACTED]

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DE T-2 is [REDACTED]

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Michigan State Police,
East Lansing, Michigan
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The LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ to protect the identity of DE T-1 and DE T-2.

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Search indices regarding [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and furnish Detroit with any pertinent information contained therein.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Detroit, Michigan

April 4, 1968

Re: Black Student Alliance,
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

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An article captioned "Gregory in Great Issues" appeared in issue dated March 7, 1968, page one, of the "Michigan State News", the official Michigan State University (MSU) student publication. This article states that Dick Gregory, comedian turned Black Power spokesman, will speak in the MSU Auditorium at 3:45 PM, March 8, 1968, as part of the "Great Issues Series".

DE T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 9, 1968, that Dick Gregory, while at MSU on March 8, 1968, met with members of the "Black Student Alliance", a student organization which was organized during the fall of 1967 and is presently a recognized student organization. The "Black Student Alliance" has not held any demonstrations or participated in any disruptive activities as of this date. They have advocated that a special Negro history course be taught in the American Thought and Language Department.. Some of the members are advocating that Negro students be housed in separate dormitories.

An article captioned "Work Shops Cover Black Revolution" appeared on page ten of the "Michigan State News", issue dated April 3, 1968, and is as follows:

"Black Expo One, sponsored by the Black Student Alliance, will be held in the Union Building, Saturday (April 6, 1968). Steve Moore, South Carolina State College Senior,

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Re: Black Student Alliance,
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

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"will speak on 'The Orangeburg Massacre and Its Implications' at 3:00 PM in 35 Union.

"Two work shops will be presented:
'Education and the Black Revolution' at 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM in 35 Union, featuring Robert L. Green, Associate Professor of Education and 'Africans and Afro-Americans: Identity or Conflict?' at 1:00 to 2:30 PM in 38 Union, featuring African and Afro-American students.

"Norman Brown's display of African and Afro-American art will be shown from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the Union Parlors."

An announcement, which appeared on page ten of the "Michigan State News" issue dated April 5, 1968, states that the Black Student Alliance will hold its first meeting tonight at 216 Berkey Hall, Michigan State University.

On April 3, 1968, DE T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the [redacted] of the Black Student Alliance is [redacted] of Philadelphia. He has a sister, [redacted] who presently resides in Philadelphia.

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The November, 1967, Student Directory, Michigan State University, lists [redacted] Student Number [redacted] as residing [redacted] East Lansing, Michigan. His home address is listed as [redacted] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2410)
SUBJECT: DEMCON
CG 100-44963
(Bufile 157-3539)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RM - BMT
(CG 157-347)
(Bu file 100-44023)

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CHAS. E. H. EX 2842 pmt/cu (U)
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In a discussion with the SAC of the Chicago Division,

[redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted] racial tensions within Chicago, Illinois, and suburbs during the summer of 1968, and various civil rights and peace demonstrations which might be held in conjunction with the Democratic National Convention at Chicago, Illinois during 8/68. According to [redacted] two of whom are Negroes, who have access to many locales and meetings in the Chicago area from which Caucasians are denied entry. (U)

[redacted] expressed concern for the future of our nation as a result of possible demonstrations in Chicago this summer and offered to make available, to the FBI, on a confidential basis, any information which might come to his attention bearing on any possible demonstrations or

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disturbances. [] has been cooperative with and favorable toward the FBI in the past and is considered to be a stable, reliable individual. [] emphasized the necessity of maintaining his identity as a source strictly confidential since [] are not aware of the fact that he is making information available to the FBI. [] indicated that should this become known to anyone outside of the FBI, both [] and any future use as a source would be compromised and it would be extremely embarrassing to him, to [] and to the Bureau. ~~(U)~~

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In view of the foregoing, the Chicago Division is opening [] as a confidential source - racial, UACB. ~~(U)~~

Further in view of [] position as [] a credit and criminal on [] is not deemed advisable. ~~(U)~~

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Chicago indices contain nothing pertinent regarding []. ~~(U)~~

Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve (12) copies of a LHM containing data furnished by [] who is therein designated as CG T-1. This data was furnished SAs [] and [] at an interview subsequent to his contact with the SAC, Chicago, CG T-2 in attached LHM is [] and was used to characterize [], CG 100-41932. LHM is classified Confidential since information from [] if disclosed, could result in the loss of this informant as a continuing source. ~~(U)~~

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Local dissemination is being withheld until 3/6/68 to allow the Bureau to make dissemination at the National level first.

Copies of attached LHM are being furnished to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois and the following agencies at Chicago: U.S. Attorney, U.S. Secret Service, NISO, and OSI.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
March 1, 1968

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POSSIBLE DISRUPTION OF AND
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NATIONAL CONVENTION, CHICAGO,
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Chicago T-1 is a source with whom contact has been insufficient to determine reliability, but who for a number of years has been knowledgeable in Chicago civil rights activities and with prominent leaders in that field, such as Dick Gregory, a Negro entertainer comedian and civil rights activist, who has recently threatened to disrupt the Democratic National Convention which will be held at Chicago, Illinois, during August of 1968. (U)

CG T-1 stated that while he believes that Gregory lacks self-discipline and organizational ability, Gregory is currently engaged in a speaking program throughout the United States at various colleges. According to CG T-1, while Gregory is not overtly recruiting individuals from these college audiences to come to Chicago and participate in demonstrations this summer, he frequently comments to the effect that he, (Gregory) will be in Chicago prior to and during the Democratic National Convention, and the implication is that others are welcome to join. (U)

Further CG T-1 noted that at these college talks Gregory emits skillful stage presence and is a spellbinder that captivates the audiences. CG T-1 noted that at one eastern college, at the conclusion of such a talk, what appeared to be a middle-class white coed, approached Gregory to thank him for his talk and that the coed appeared completely

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awe-struck by Gregory's comments and asked what she could do to help. CG T-1 related that while Gregory merely acknowledged her remarks and offered no specific instructions after the coed had departed he stated to the effect that he probably could have given her a bomb and told her to go blow up the police station and that she would have done same. ~~(U)~~ (U)

CG T-1 stated that while Gregory has no specific plans, however, he hopes to secure large groups of individuals to demonstrate in Chicago this summer. He does evince plans of commencing with preliminary demonstrations in the latter part of May and that these demonstrations will continue to build in size through June into July, and finally they will reach their peak at the last day of the Democratic National Convention. According to CG T-1, Gregory claims that all demonstrations will be peaceful and non-violent, and will merely be along the lines of using massive numbers of pedestrians, all of whom will obey all laws including traffic regulations, to tie up the streets and sidewalks and to otherwise hinder and impede the activities of the Chicago Police Department. CG T-1 noted, however, that it was pointed out to Gregory that if the demonstrations completely comply with all regulations, they may not obtain the desired results of impeding police activities. In response to this, Gregory, in complete contradiction of the foregoing, is reported to have said that the demonstrators would then lay down in the streets and thus gain the desired results. ~~(U)~~ (U)

CG T-1 further related with reference to undisciplined, disorganized thinking by Gregory, with reference to demonstrations that in some conversations Gregory spoke of sending [] away from Chicago for the summer. However, in other conversations, when discussing the problem of attracting the attention of the police, Gregory indicated that, if necessary, he would lead marches to various Chicago suburbs such as Cicero, and that [] would be at his side during these marches. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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According to CG T-1, Gregory indicates that he plans to climax the summer-long Chicago demonstrations on the final day of the Democratic Convention when Lyndon B. Johnson accepts the Democratic Presidential Nomination. Reportedly the theme of this final demonstration will be "The Funeral of the Democratic Party" and the major objective of this final effort will be to embarrass the President and Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago. However, as to whether Gregory has the ability to carry out such grandiose plans, CG T-1 was uncertain in view of Gregory's lack of capacity for organization, self-discipline and administration of given programs. ~~(U)~~

In addition, CG T-1 was in receipt of information concerning [redacted], also known as [redacted], who is allegedly now in Chicago working to organize a coalition of anti-war groups to demonstrate against the Democratic National Convention in August. [redacted] is characterized by CG T-2 as presently one of the leaders of the Joint Community Union, formerly known as Jobs or Income Now, which is the community action organization in Chicago for the Students for a Democratic Society. ~~(U)~~

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According to CG T-2, during the latter part of 1967, [redacted] visited North Viet Nam where he met with representatives of the National Liberation Front. ~~(U)~~

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CG T-1 advises that this coalition, as yet unnamed, will meet somewhere in the middle west around the latter part of March to make specific decisions concerning these demonstrations. Reportedly [redacted] feels that the disruption of the convention would not achieve widespread endorsement and the possibility of an alternate ticket, born out of a counter convention, to be called by the coalition, will be considered. ~~(U)~~

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[redacted] indicates that some of his associates believe that mass demonstrations at the convention could play into President Johnson's hands and result in a blood bath. [redacted] explained that Mayor Daley of Chicago would take firm police action against the mass demonstrators and that this would reflect favorably towards the Democratic Party, in that Democrats would appear to be able to handle mobs in the streets. Further [redacted] noted that as a result of such street action the cream of the leadership of his coalition might become casualties and the anti-war movement would be crippled. ~~(U)~~

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According to [] at this point only disciplined and coordinated non-violence demonstrations are planned, and there would be no laying siege to the Amphitheater Building or massive confrontations. [] further indicated that the coalition plan to hold a series of rallies and hearings in Chicago in the days prior to the convention, with prominent speakers discussing such topics as the causes of riots, genocide and the legality of the United States' role in the conflict in Viet Nam. According to [] these rallies and hearings would serve to present an indictment of the Democratic Party with particular emphasis on the alleged failure of the Democrats in both the area of foreign and domestic issues. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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[] indicated that decentralized demonstrations would be planned throughout the city and would be at locations such as welfare offices, urban renewal offices, schools, universities, draft boards, Federal buildings and various firms that supply the United States with war material for Viet Nam. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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Specifically, [] indicated that during the first day of the Democratic Convention, credentials of delegates will be challenged on the claim that these delegates had not been freely elected. [] stated that these challenges will be preceded by the institution of legal proceedings in the various delegates' districts with charge that the delegates had not been legally elected. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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[] advised that during the second day of the convention, the previously mentioned decentralized demonstrations would be initiated. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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On the third day of the convention, according to [] a rally at either Soldier's Field or Wrigley Field in Chicago was proposed to highlight the coalition's previous indictments of the Democratic Party. Finally, a Funeral March to the Amphitheater at 43rd and Halsted Streets in Chicago, the site of the convention, by 500,000 persons was proposed by []. It is planned that this march will be led by various military figures and clergymen who oppose the war in Viet Nam along with other well-known Viet Nam dissenters. Reportedly, the march would be serious, somber and restrained and the theme would be the burial of the Democratic Party as an American institution and a call to the United States for a new social and political force to replace the Democratic Party. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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CG T-1 indicated that [] related that he welcomes youth gang members to the demonstration because he believes that they would be some of the most disciplined participants. However, [] is concerned about counter-pickets and believes that Chicago's Mayor Daley will use paid provocaters to cause trouble which he (Mayor Daley) can swiftly squelch and thus gain popularity with the voters. Further CG T-1 reported that [] has commented on the use of "hippies" to increase confusion in Chicago at the time of the Democratic Convention, and that efforts will be made to organize a "love-in". According to [] a large farm, 20 to 25 miles from Chicago, is being considered as a site for a tent city for "hippies".

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: SAC, DENVER (100-9440) *Rec*

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RM RACIAL MATTER
OO: Chicago

DATE: 4/1/68

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| Mr. DeLoach | ✓ |
| Mr. Mohr | ✓ |
| Mr. Bishop | ✓ |
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| Mr. Rosen | ✓ |
| Mr. Sullivan | ✓ |
| Mr. Tavel | ✓ |
| Mr. Trotter | ✓ |
| Tele. Room | ✓ |
| Miss Holmes | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy | ✓ |

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 10/3/67,
and Phoenix letter to Denver dated 3/26/68.

Enclosed herewith are 11 copies of a Letterhead
Memorandum and 3 copies for Chicago re GREGORY's speech at
Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado, 3/28/68.

cc 7/10 enclosures detached + sent to Mr. Sullivan
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Denver, Colorado
April 4, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTERS

On March 28, 1968, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed captioned individual arriving on Western Airlines Flight 700 from Phoenix, Arizona, at 4:15 p.m. that date, the plane being 27 minutes late. Gregory was observed to contact Frontier Airlines regarding the flight from Denver to Alamosa, Colorado, and then wandered about the airport for awhile prior to entering a restaurant where he was observed sitting at the counter. Gregory was not met at the Denver airport by anyone but it was observed that some young people spoke to him briefly after they apparently recognized who he was. Gregory left Denver, Colorado, via Frontier Airlines, Flight 583, which was scheduled to arrive at Alamosa, Colorado at 8:13 p.m., March 28, 1968.

On March 29, 1968, [redacted] Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado, advised that he was in attendance at the college auditorium on the evening of March 28, 1968, when Gregory appeared before a group of approximately 1500 persons, mostly students, which audience was reserved and orderly.

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[redacted] stated that Gregory went into a comedy routine for the first few minutes and then told jokes involving President Johnson. Gregory stated that America was a violent country and that the only way to solve the problems was through violence; however, he said he did not personally condone violence.

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Gregory stated that a great number of the criminal activities in the United States involves whites only and mentioned the Bobby Baker incident and stated that the Government and "LBJ" knew all about it. Gregory stated that the United States was the most mixed up country on earth and mentioned

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ENCLOSURE

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

that there are soldiers in Viet Nam who are not old enough to vote but old enough to die and stated that the blacks hated the whites. Gregory stated that the CIA had followed Carmichael all around the world and reported on his activities and that Carmichael and H. Rap Brown would be heroes in future history. Gregory told the audience to watch the riots on TV this summer and to have the sound of the TV turned off and then to stand behind the TV and recite the Declaration of Independence. Gregory referred to the coming political convention in Chicago and stated that an effort was being made to stop it. He stated he was serious about running for President and spoke against the United States spending money in Viet Nam when the United States has real need for this money at home.

[] stated Gregory wore a wrinkled shirt, purple trousers, and a fancy purple jacket with gold piping around the edges. He had a long beard and looked disheveled.

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TO DIRECTOR (CODED)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
FROM NEW YORK 157-1093

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM. OO-CHICAGO

ON INSTANT DATE A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS
FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT GREGORY
HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE NEW MADISON SQUARE GARDEN,
NEW YORK CITY, WHICH HE URGED NEGROES TO BOYCOTT THE CHAMPION-
SHIP BOXING MATCH TO BE HELD MARCH FOUR NEXT AT THE NEW MADISON
SQUARE GARDEN. HE ALSO URGED THAT ACTIVE PICKETING TAKE PLACE
AT THE AFOREMENTIONED LOCATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE: CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE MENTIONED IS

BSS, NYCPD, LOCAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, SECRET
SERVICE, AND USAS TO BE ADVISED. NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA RM 00:CHICAGO.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED GREGORY LEFT CHICAGO
O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ELEVEN FORTY FIVE AM, INSTANT, VIA

[REDACTED] FLIGHT THREE FIVE SIX AND SCHEDULED TO
ARRIVE WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT ONE FIFTEEN PM, EASTERN
STANDARD TIME. GREGORY OBTAINED PASSAGE ON STANDBY BASIS,
THEREBY ELIMINATING NEED FOR RESERVATION AND NO RETURN RESERVATION
MADE. ON DEPARTURE GREGORY WORE BLUE DUNGAREES, BEADS AND FULL
BEARD AND WAS TRAVELING ALONE.

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RE CHICAGO TELEPHONE CALL TO WFO INSTANT. WFO ADVISED BY
TELEPHONE. SECRET SERVICE, CHICAGO, ADVISED. SOURCE IS

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TO: DIRECTOR, WFO, AND CHICAGO

FROM: MILWAUKEE (157-226)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA; RM; OO: CG

DETECTIVE SGT. [REDACTED] SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT SQUAD,

MI PD, ADVISED INSTANT DATE INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATES
FATHER JAMES E. GROPPi IS POSSIBLY TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON,
D. C., ON APRIL THIRTEEN NEXT. GROPPi IS ALLEGEDLY TO SPEAK
AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY EVENING OF APRIL THIRTEEN NEXT.

INFORMATION ALSO INDICATES CAPTIONED SUBJECT MAY ALSO
BE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AREA DURING WEEKEND APRIL THIRTEEN
DASH FOURTEEN NEXT AND MAY MEET WITH GROPPi.

ABOVE INFORMATION NOT CONFIRMED TO DATE. MI WILL ADVISE
WHEN CONFIRMATION EXISTS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, CHICAGO AND MILWAUKEE

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1121)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY; RM; OO:CHICAGO

RE MI TELETYPE, APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES, WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISE

NO RESERVATIONS LOCATED FOR FATHER GROPPi FOR PERIOD APRIL

TWELVE THROUGH FOURTEEN NEXT FOR TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON,

D. C., (WDC).

INSPECTOR [REDACTED] METROPOLITAN POLICE

DEPARTMENT, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT METROPOLITAN POLICE

DEPARTMENT SOURCES REPORT GROPPi WILL NOT VISIT WDC

DURING ABOVE TIME.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423), CHICAGO (157-347), AND PORTLAND
FROM SALT LAKE CITY (157-110) 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM. OO -CHICAGO.
RE SE TEL APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT.

GREGORY ARRIVED SALT LAKE CITY VIA UNITED AIR LINES FLIGHT
TWO TWO TWO AT TEN THIRTYTWO A.M., APRIL TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND
IMMEDIATELY CHARTERED PLANE TO LOGAN, UTAH, ARRIVING TWELVE ZERO
FIVE P.M. GREGORY SPOKE FOR AN HOUR AND A QUARTER AT UTAH STATE
UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE AND IMMEDIATELY
RETURNED TO SALT LAKE CITY BY SAME CHARTERED PLANE. GREGORY LEFT
SALT LAKE CITY ON UNITED FLIGHT TWO SEVEN EIGHT TO CHICAGO, LEAVING
SALT LAKE CITY FIVE TWENTY P.M., APRIL TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT, ARRIVING
CHICAGO NINE P.M.

AT LOGAN, GREGORY WAS SPONSORED BY ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY. DURING PRESENTATION GREGORY STATED HE IS
AGAINST VIOLENCE. HE STATED DEMOCRATIC PARTY SHOULD NOT HAVE
CHOSEN CHICAGO FOR ITS CONVENTION BECAUSE OF RACIAL TENSION AND
BECAUSE IT IS A "CORRUPT CITY.". GREGORY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY
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NO INCIDENT OCCURRED DURING GREGORY'S PRESENCE IN UTAH.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/11/68

We previously received and disseminated information indicating that Dick Gregory, Negro Comedian who has been very active in civil rights demonstrations and in demonstrations opposing U.S. participation in the Vietnam War, planned to hold a vigil in front of the White House during Easter Week.

Attached indicates Gregory currently in Oregon and due back in Chicago, Ill. 4/13/68. Reliable Chicago source stated there is some question as to whether Gregory will go through with plans for vigil at White House in view of announcement by President Johnson that he will not seek reelection.

This information has been furnished to Secret Service Headquarters and to the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department. A copy has been sent to the Attorney General.

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FBI CHICAGO

344PM URGENT 4/11/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD, MILWAUKEE AND SALT LAKE CITY

WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P) 3P

Racial Matter
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

GREGORY IS NATIONALLY KNOWN NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO HAS VOCALLY OPPOSED UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN VIETNAM WAR.

GREGORY HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT KNICKERBOCKER HOTEL, ONE SIX THREE EAST WALTON AVE., CHICAGO, ON MARCH NINETEEN LAST. GREGORY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO HOLD VIGIL IN FRONT OF WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, D.C., THROUGHOUT EASTER WEEK IN COMPANY OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - PURPOSE TO PROTEST U.S. POLICIES IN VIETNAM.

PREVIOUS INFORMATION FROM SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, WAS THAT GREGORY WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND, PORTLAND, OREGON, APRIL NINE LAST, UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE, LOGAN, UTAH APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT WITH NEXT APPEARANCE SCHEDULED APRIL FIFTEEN NEXT AT LOS ANGELES HARBOR COLLEGE, WILMINGTON, CALIFORNIA.

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SECOND CHICAGO SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED INSTANT HAD LEARNED GREGORY REPORTEDLY CURRENTLY IN OREGON AND DUE BACK IN CHICAGO APRIL THIRTEEN NEXT. SOURCE ADVISED LEARNED APPEARS SOME QUESTION EXISTS AS TO WHETHER GREGORY WILL GO THROUGH WITH ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR EASTER VIGIL AT WHITE HOUSE IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION AND IS NOT CANDIDATE.

CHICAGO ^{POLICE DEPARTMENT} ~~PD~~ SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT BEST AVAILABLE ^{INFORMATION} ~~INFO~~ IS THAT GREGORY NOT CURRENTLY IN CHICAGO.

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REMYAIRTEL AND LHM REPORTING TRAVEL ITINERARY FOR GREGORY, COPIES TO RECIPIENTS, [REDACTED] LAST, CHICAGO AIRTEL AND ^{MEMO} LHM MARCH TWENTY LAST, REPORTING PRESS CONFERENCE REFERRED TO ABOVE, AND MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, ^{WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE} WFO AND CHICAGO INSTANT DATE INDICATING GREGORY MAY BE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA WEEKEND APRIL THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN NEXT AND MEET WITH FATHER JAMES E. ~~GROPP~~ ^{WIS} GROPP OF MILWAUKEE, WHO HAS LED OPEN HOUSING MARCHES THAT CITY. SECRET SERVICE, CHICAGO ADVISED. WASHINGTON FIELD ALERT APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. MILWAUKEE IMMEDIATELY FURNISH BUREAU AND WFO ANY ADDITIONAL INFO RE POSSIBLE TRAVEL OF GREGORY TO

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WASHINGTON. SALT LAKE CITY IMMEDIATELY ADVISED BUREAU, WFO AND CHICAGO OF ANY INFO DEVELOPED RE FUTURE TRAVEL OF GREGORY FOLLOWING SCHEDULED APPEARANCE LOGAN, UTAH.

FOR INFO INQUIRY RECEIVED FROM SECRET SERVICE, CHICAGO, RE GREGORY'S WHEREABOUTS IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED WHITE HOUSE DEMONSTRATION.

SOURCES UTILIZED ARE

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IS POTENTIAL [REDACTED] WHO WILL BE IDENTIFIED IN FOLLOWING AIRTEL WITH

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RACIAL DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. RM. CG ONE HUNDRED-THREE FIVE THREE FIVE SIX. RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM. CG ONE FIFTY SEVEN - THREE FORTY SEVEN.

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CAPTAIN [REDACTED] MAYWOOD ILLINOIS PD, ADVISED

MAYWOOD "GOOD FRIDAY" MARCH OF ABOUT TWO HUNDRED BEATNIK TYPE CAUCASIANS LED BY SEVERAL MINISTERS FOLLOWED PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED ROUTE AND TERMINATED TODAY AT THREE PM AT WALTHER HIGH SCHOOL, MELROSE PARK, ILLINOIS. NO ARRESTS OR INCIDENTS.

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NOT RECORDED

CHIEF OF POLICE EDWARD BURKE, JOLIET, ILLINOIS PD REPORTS 1968 JOLIET QUIET AND THAT BLACK CITIZENS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE PICKETS FAILED TO APPEAR ON STREETS OF JOLIET THIS DATE. AT SIX PM AS PERVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.

SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISES BLACK NATIONALIST [REDACTED] LNU TWENTY SIX TO TWENTY SEVEN YEARS, [REDACTED] LNU, MALE NEGRO, THIRTY, FIVE FEET TEN, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS AND [REDACTED] NEGRO RECENTLY RELEASED FOR UNIDENTIFIED JAIL HAVE BEEN HIRING NEGROES DURING RECENT CHICAGO DISTURBANCES TO EXTORT MONEY AND MERCHANDISE

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FROM NEAR NORTHSIDE MERCHANTS, CHICAGO PD ADVISED.

SAME SOURCE STATES DICK GREGORY ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN POSITION ON EXECUTIVE BOARD, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL BUT WAS REJECTED BECAUSE OF HIS MILITANT BACKGROUND. AS A RESULT, GREGORY REPORTEDLY PLANS TO "RAISE HELL" IN CHICAGO, THIS SUMMER.

CHICAGO PD SOURCES ADVISE AS OF NINE PM CITY QUIET BUT TENSIONS CONTINUE AND PD REMAINS ALERT.

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REMYTEL TODAY. SOURCE IN

USA, MILITARY AND SS ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR, WFO, MILWAUKEE, AND CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM SALT LAKE CITY (157-110) 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM. OO - CG.

GREGORY SCHEDULED FOR SPEECH, UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY OF
AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE, LOGAN, UTAH, APRIL TWELVE NEXT.
ITINERARY WILL BE ASCERTAINED FOLLOWING APPEARANCE TOMORROW.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND SECRET SERVICE,
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, ADVISED.

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FROM MILWAUKEE (157-226) 1P *wes/10*

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY; RM; OO CHICAGO.

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RE MITEL AND CG TELS THIS DATE.

SGT. [REDACTED] SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT SQUAD, MI PD,
ADVISED INSTANT DATE, MI PD SOURCE COULD NOT CONFIRM
WHETHER OR NOT FATHER JAMES E. GROPPi AND CAPTIONED SUBJECT
WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL THIRTEEN DASH FOURTEEN
NEXT. CONTACT WITH NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES, MI, WISC.,
INDICATED GROPPi'S RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS ARE MADE THROUGH
THE WASHINGTON, D.C., OFFICE OF NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES.
LOCAL AIRLINE OFFICE HAS NO RESERVATION LISTED FOR GROPPi
AT THIS TIME.

WFO CONTACT NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES AT WASHINGTON,
D.C., AND DETERMINE IF GROPPi HAS RESERVATION TO FLY FROM
MI TO WASHINGTON, D.C., DURING WEEKEND OF APRIL THIRTEEN
DASH FOURTEEN, NEXT.

MI FOLLOWING AND WILL ADVISE WHEN FURTHER INFORMATION
DEVELOPED.

AIRMAIL COPY TO SALT LAKE CITY.

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FROM SAC SEATTLE (157-511)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA; RM. OO - CHICAGO.

GREGORY SPOKE AT CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE (CWSC), ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, EVENING OF APRIL TEN LAST AND IS MAKING TWO APPEARANCES AT WESTERN WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE (WWSC), BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT. SUBJECT TRAVELING TO SEATTLE OUT OF VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA, VIA UNITED AIRLINES AFTER CONCLUSION OF LAST APPEARANCE AT WWSC, ARRIVING ON UNITED FLIGHT #TWO TWO THREE AT ELEVEN THIRTEEN PM. HAS RESERVATION OUT OF SEATTLE APRIL TWELVE NEXT AT SIX AM TO SALT LAKE CITY VIA UNITED FLIGHT TWO SEVEN SIX ARRIVING NINE TWELVE AM; ON UNITED FLIGHT # FOUR

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NINE ONE ON APRIL TWELVE NEXT OUT OF SU AT SEVEN THIRTY-FIVE PM TO PORTLAND ARRIVING EIGHT ELEVEN PM; AND ON UNITED FLIGHT #ONE FOUR TWO ON APRIL THIRTEEN NEXT LEAVING PORTLAND AT SEVEN FIFTY-FIVE AM AND ARRIVING CHICAGO O'HARE ONE TWENTY PM. ALSO HAS RESERVATION ON UNITED FLIGHT #ONE ONE ONE ON APRIL FIFTEEN NEXT LEAVING CHICAGO, THREE PM, ARRIVING LA FIVE PM. NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES AT SEATTLE KNOWN. LOCATION OF PROBABLE SPEECH AT SU NOT CURRENTLY KNOWN. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATIVE OF ANY PLANNED ACTIVITIES AT PORTLAND DURING PLANE CHANGE THERE, AND NO CONTACT NUMBER THERE AVAILABLE.

SUBJECT ACCOMPANIED AT ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON BY FEMALE COMPANION WHO REGISTERED IN SEPARATE ROOM AT THUNDERBIRD MOTEL THERE AS [REDACTED] ATTORNEY, [REDACTED] NEW HAMPSHIRE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.

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IN TALK AT CWSC SUBJECT MADE REMARK TO EFFECT, QUOTE A POLICEMAN'S LIFE WILL BE TAKEN FOR EVERY BLACK MAN'S LIFE TAKEN.

APPEARANCES IN WASHINGTON STATE HAVE BEEN WITHOUT INCIDENT. LHM WILL FOLLOW.

GREGORY AND [REDACTED] HAVE RESERVATIONS AT HILTON INN NEAR SEA-TAC AIRPORT FOR NIGHT OF APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT. -P -

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RM
OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago teletypes to Bureau, 4/11/68 and 4/13/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM, captioned as above. Information copies are being furnished Los Angeles and WFO. A copy of LHM is also being furnished USA, U. S. Secret Service, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Sources mentioned in enclosed LHM are:

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CG T-4 - [REDACTED] Police Department,
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Chicago following and Bureau will be immediately
advised of all pertinent developments.



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Chicago, Illinois

April 15, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Gregory is a nationally known Negro entertainer and civil rights activist, who has vocally opposed United States participation in the Viet Nam war.

On March 19, 1968, Gregory held a press conference at the Knickerbocker Hotel, 163 West Walton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He announced plans to hold a vigil in front of the White House in Washington, D. C. throughout Easter week in company with [REDACTED] His purpose was to protest United States policies in Viet Nam.

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CG T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory was scheduled to speak at the following places on the dates indicated:

University of Portland, Portland, Oregon
April 9, 1968

Utah State University, University of
Agriculture and Applied Sciences,
Logan, Utah, April 11, 1968

Los Angeles Harbor College, Willmington,
California, April 15, 1968.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On April 11, 1968, CG T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory was reportedly currently in Oregon and due back in Chicago on April 13, 1968. He also advised that there is some question as to whether Gregory will go through with announced plans for an Easter vigil at the White House in view of President Johnson's announcement that he will not seek re-election and is not a candidate.

On April 13, 1968, CG T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory left Chicago, O'Hare International Airport, at 11:45 AM, that date, by [REDACTED] Flight 356, which was scheduled to arrive at Washington National Airport, at 1:15 PM, Eastern Standard Time. Gregory obtained passage on a stand-by basis and, therefore, did not need a reservation and no reservation was made. On departure, Gregory wore blue dungarees, beads, and a full beard and was traveling alone.

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On April 13, 1968, CG T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory arrived at Chicago, Illinois, aboard American Airlines Flight 2305 at 11:00 PM, that date.

The following agencies were furnished the above information:

United States Attorney, Chicago

United States Secret Service, Chicago

Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-6951) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RM
(OO: CHICAGO)

DATE: April 22, 1968

Re New Orleans airtel to the Bureau with letterhead memorandum dated 3/21/68.

A further examination of informant reports concerning GREGORY's stay in New Orleans and his speech delivered at Tulane University reveals no further information of any significance is contained in New Orleans files. In view of this, New Orleans will not submit a second letterhead memorandum as previously stated.

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2-Chicago (157-347) (RM)
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 FROM: *[Signature]* SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652) (P)
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
 RACIAL MATTERS
 (OO: CHICAGO)

ReBulet to Chicago, dated 3/19/68.

On 4/9/68, Captain Commander, Investigations Unit, Huntington, W. Va., Police Department, made available to SA a copy of a schedule for Impact 1968, Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va., for the period of 4/24/68 through 4/27/68. The schedule shows Vice President HUBERT H. HUMPHREY will give the keynote address on the evening of 4/24/68. The other speakers are shown as LESTER KIRKENDALL on 4/25/68, topic "New Morality; Ethical Responsibility or Moral Decay"; ERVIN DUGGAN on 4/26/68, topic "The Great Society; Boom or Bust"; MAX LERNER on 4/26/68, topic "Pax Americana; War or Peace"; ALLEN GINSBERG at 11:00 a.m. on 4/27/68, topic "Free Expression in America; Fact or Fiction"; and DICK GREGORY at 4:00 p.m. on 4/27/68, topic "Black Power; Revolution or Evolution." The schedule shows that ALLEN GINSBERG will arrive Huntington, W. Va., at 4:37 p.m. on 4/26/68, will stay at the UpTowner Motel, Huntington, and will depart Huntington at 11:50 a.m. on 4/28/68, mode of travel not set forth. The schedule shows GREGORY will arrive Huntington, W. Va., at 12:22 p.m. on 4/27/68, and will depart Huntington at 6:30 p.m. on 4/27/68.

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 Pittsburgh will cover the appearance of GREGORY at Marshall University through established sources.

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3. DICK GREGORY TO APPEAR WITH ALLEN GINSBERG AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY, HUNTINGTON, W.VA.

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7. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE HERALD-DISPATCH HUNTINGTON, W.VA. DATED 11 MARCH 1968, DICK GREGORY IS TO APPEAR WITH ~~ALLEN GINSBERG~~ AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY, HUNTINGTON, W.VA.. SPEAKERS TO APPEAR AS PART OF WHAT IS CALLED "IMPACT WEEK", A STUDENT ORGANIZATION PROGRAM TO BRING NATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKERS TO THE CAMPUS TO DISCUSS MAJOR SOCIAL ISSUES. ALLEN GINSBERG IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK 1100 TO 1400 HRS EST, 27 APRIL 1968 ON "FREE EXPRESSION IN AMERICA; FACT OR FICTION?". DICK GREGORY IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO SPEAK IN THE AFTERNOON - TIME AND SUBJECT IS NOT INDICATED.

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11. HERALD-DISPATCH NEWSPAPER, DATED 11 MARCH 1968, HUNTINGTON, W.VA.

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According to the Department of the Army, the "Herald-Dispatch," Huntington, West Virginia, on 3/11/68 carried an article to the effect that Dick Gregory is to appear with Allen Ginsberg at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, on 4/27/68 as part of what is called the "Impact Week," a student organization program to bring nationally-known speakers to the campus to discuss major social issues.

Pittsburgh, through its sources, should attempt to cover the appearance of Gregory at this campus.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (157-110) — *PVC*RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: CG)

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau and other offices, 4/11/68.

Transmitted herewith for Bureau are eleven copies and for Chicago two copies of an LHM regarding GREGORY's appearance at Logan, Utah, on 4/12/68. Copies of this LHM are also being disseminated to U. S. Secret Service and Military Intelligence Group locally.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Salt Lake City, Utah
April 16, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

[redacted] Utah State
University of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, Logan, Utah, ad-
vised on April 11, 1968, that Richard Claxton Gregory was schedul-
ed to speak at that school at 11:30 a.m. on April 12, 1968. The
appearance was to be sponsored by the student body at the school.

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Special Agent in Charge Robert Grube, U. S. Secret
Service, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Operations Officer [redacted]
[redacted] Military Intelligence Group, Fort Douglas, Utah, were ad-
vised on April 11, 1968, of the above appearance.

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On April 12, 1968, [redacted] advised that Gregory did
not arrive at the university on schedule, inasmuch as he had miss-
ed his plane from Seattle to Salt Lake City. He said, however,
Gregory did arrive in Logan by chartered plane at about 12:05 p.m.
on April 12, 1968, and spoke before the student body for about an
hour and fifteen minutes. [redacted] said the appearance was
orderly and without incident, and during his presentation Gregory
stated he is against violence. Gregory commented that the Demo-
cratic Party should not have chosen Chicago for its convention
because of racial tension in that city and because it is a "cor-
rupt city." Gregory was accompanied by [redacted]

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Following is quoted a newspaper account of Gregory's
appearance at Logan:

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"Ghetto Negro Wants Rights,
Dick Gregory Says at USU

"LOGAN (AP) -- The young people have got to wake up and see what is going on in this country, if for nothing but to protest themselves, Dick Gregory told an audience of 2,500 at Utah State University Friday.

"If you kids aren't careful you are going to be in trouble,' he said, 'There are a lot of problems to be solved and nobody can solve them but you.'

"Mr. Gregory told the students that they are facing a crisis that has never been faced before by young people.

"The world has progressed so far in science it doesn't even count,' he said. 'Now it has to develop talents in fields where we can help man live together even when they hate one another.'

"The 'nigger' in the ghetto is not a fool like you,' he said, 'because we are tired of the American system playing games with us.'

"You taught me to be a white man,' he said, 'and to react the same way you react and then you yell nonviolence at me. Don't give us civil rights unless they will work. Give us the constitutional rights same as the white Americans.'

"We want our rights on the Constitution-- no more, no less.'

"The problems between the two races can never be solved until the Negro will trust a white man, said Mr. Gregory, and no 80 million dollars is going to buy this trust.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"He added that the Declaration of Independence should be changed to 'white folks' because that's the way it reads now--it doesn't include all Americans."

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (157-117) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
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OO: Chicago

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau with LHM dated
Chicago letter to Bureau dated 1/17/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies
of an LHM captioned and dated as above. Five copies are
enclosed for Chicago.

The source who furnished information relating to
appearance of GREGORY at American River College, Sacramento,
California, is [redacted]

The LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~" because of
information furnished by a Confidential informant. If
disclosed, it could reasonably result in the identity of a
Confidential informant of continuing value and compromise
future effectiveness.

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AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report
GREGORY's activities during his appearance at the University
of California, at Davis, on April 24, 1968.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Sacramento, California
April 19, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The March 19, 1968, issue of the "Stockton Record," a daily newspaper published at Stockton, California contains an article which reveals that Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and Civil Rights worker, would appear at the University of Pacific (UOP) Conservatory Auditorium, Stockton, California, at 8:15 PM, on March 30, 1968, and again on March 31, 1968, in the Chapel on the UOP Campus.

On April 1, 1968, [REDACTED] Chief, Campus Police, UOP, advised that Gregory spoke to a near capacity audience of over 1,000 persons, mostly of college age, on the evening of March 30, 1968, in the Conservatory Auditorium. Admission was \$1.75 for adults and \$1.25 for students. Gregory spoke for two hours and was warmly received by the audience.

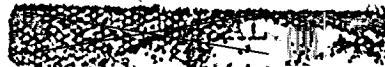
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Gregory mentioned that he was on the thirty-first day of his forty-day fast but did not appear weakened and was vigorous in his speech.

Gregory, during his speech, described Martin Luther King as the number one moral force in our country today and added that he hoped the recent violence in Memphis, Tennessee, would not affect King's work.

Gregory challenged the statement that there are communists in the Civil Rights Movement and inquired as to why the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency had not identified them.

He criticized the double standard in the United States and said that Congress did not get upset over crime in the streets until it became crime by Negroes. He pointed out



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that the syndicate was ten times worse than anything else and if the Mafia was taken over by Negroes it would be stomped out immediately. He stated that Bobby Baker stole eight million dollars while working for "LBJ" yet the boss knew nothing about it. He spoke of "LBJ's" attempts to spread democracy in Southeast Asia, yet some of the biggest crooks are in control of Vietnam and why should the U. S. go all the way to Vietnam to stomp out corruption when we have not set our own house in order.

Gregory stated that the attitude of Congress is what can be done with the Negroes, not what can be done for the Negroes. He suggested that next summer when the television stations are showing cities being burned by Negro rioters, turn off the sound and read the first part of the Declaration of Independence which states that it is the duty of the citizens to revolt when they have been misused for long periods of time.

Gregory urged the white people to understand the attitude of the "Blacks" in order to understand why they riot. He told of his first meeting with Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown in the South about six years ago. He stated that these kids were obtaining their freedom house with nonviolence while the red-necked crackers shot them up and blew them up. He cited Carmichael's recent remarks relating to not wanting any whites in the Civil Rights Movement and then explained that Carmichael does not want "northern white liberals" involved in local situations in Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, as this serves to antagonize the southern red necks when these same northern white liberals cannot guarantee civil rights to the Negroes in their own home town up north. He stated that the Negro wants help from the white radicals not the white liberals. HSA

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Gregory ridiculed Congress for passing a bill against burning draft cards within a period of a few days after one had been burned but had not been able to pass anti-lynching law after hundreds of lynchings. Gregory claimed to be opposed to violence and opposed to all war and was especially resentful of the U. S. sending troops to Vietnam to inflict freedom for a bunch of foreigners when there is no enforcement of freedom at home. He repeated that he does not agree with violence but had to admit that progress comes only after riots and as an example cited the recent hiring of thousands of Negroes by the Ford Motor Company in Detroit. He claimed they were hired only because the fires got too close to the Ford Plant.

Chief [] advised that on March 31, 1968, Gregory appeared before a group of approximately 150 students and faculty in the Morris Chapel on the UOP Campus. He gave a short speech entitled "Where's The Church, Baby?" He spoke of the failure of the church to meet its commitment and told of his hope that the church would put an end to capital punishment. He told of his disillusionment of the church at an early age because of its hypocritical attitude.

Chief [] advised there was no racial activity of any type during the time Gregory spoke in the Stockton, California, area.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Dick Gregory Says Blacks 'Cricket in Whites' Ear'

Negro comedian Dick Gregory is a hungry man.

The hunger is both physical, resulting from a 40-day self-imposed fast in protest to the Vietnam War, and psychological—a burning appetite to insure equal rights to his fellow Negroes in this country.

Both were displayed here Saturday night when the thin, bearded comedian delivered an emotional 2½-hour lecture that brought an applauding audience in University of the Pacific's Conservatory Auditorium to its feet.

WEAKENED VOICE

"I noticed LBJ left the country and was blessed by the Pope—Now we can't get out, and who's going to bless us?" he chided in an obviously weakened voice.

Then followed the customary jabs at the Establishment:

"Hey, this is a private school, isn't it? That means even Ronald Reagan can't threaten you."

"I'm tempted to fly to South Africa and get me a white heart," he proclaimed. "But, you know, I hate the thought that you white folks'll start assumin' that we gonna start givin' you spare parts."

Gregory said he'd prefer see-

ing integration where it shows, "Like I'd like to see a white cat get a black foot."

An urgent surge of frustration flowed from Gregory's speech. He damned United States involvement in Vietnam, crime in the streets, and government neglect of domestic issues.

NO BUILDING

On Vietnam: "It's as if I called in napalm on a building to get rid of the rats and roaches. Ain't no rats and roaches left, but there ain't no building either. . . . Now tell me, what other country in the world is going to ask the U.S. to help them achieve a democracy after seeing how we're doing it in Vietnam?"

On race riots: "Crime in the streets has become America's new way of saying 'nigger.' . . . People call on me to come and say something to stop a riot. Well, I didn't heat 'em up, and

I don't know a way to cool 'em off."

On government assistance: "If welfare bothers you so much, then stop callin' it that. Call it foreign aid, 'cause that don't seem to bother you at all."

A self-declared candidate for the presidency of the United States, Gregory stated his aims are "totally non-violent."

He crowned the incumbent "The slickest tyrant that walked the face of this earth since Julius Caesar."

Gregory declared his allegiance to black leaders Martin Luther King, Stokely Carmichael, and H. Rapp Brown.

Unperturbed by the varying views they represent, Gregory cited Dr. King as a "misunderstood man" to whom the country owes a debt of gratitude for keeping the lid on a dangerously boiling vat of violence.

MILITANT VIEWS

The militant views of Brown and Carmichael were dismissed by Gregory as "completely understandable." He noted their tireless efforts on behalf of the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee (SNCC), prior to their present preaching of the "get a gun" philosophy.

"Carmichael and Brown," advised Gregory, "have dared to become as bitter as Patrick Henry."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Stockton Record
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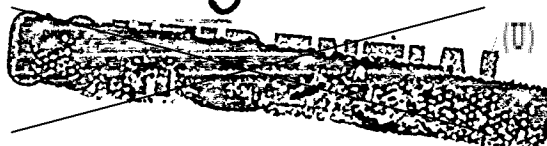
Gregory rasped, "when ol' Khrushchev said he'd bury us, we said, cool as you please. 'come on, baby,' and he had all those missiles and all those destroyers, and now two young men stand up and make a speech and the whole country is terrified."

"And you know what, baby," Gregory shook his head incredulously, "Stokely, he ain't even got one missile. And Rapp Brown, well, he don't even own a canoe."

"But you white folks know we'll burn this country down house by house, brick by brick—that's what they're talking about," he lamented. "We got to give sanity back to an insane nation."

The lengthy lecture led Gregory to the final observation:

"The white folks in this country is the lion, and the black folks is the cricket—and we're gonna jump in your ear every time we get the chance."



RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On March 25, 1968, [REDACTED]
Fresno State College, Fresno, California, advised that
Gregory was scheduled to make an address in the Cafeteria at
Fresno State College at 7:30 PM, on March 31, 1968. His
appearance was sponsored by the Community Lecture Service.

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The following article appeared in the April 1,
1968, issue of the "Fresno Bee" daily newspaper:

Dick Gregory Shows 3 Faces In CC Talk

President Johnson "is the slickest tyrant since Julius Caesar," a man who has become rich in public office and who presides over a "sick, insane nation" in danger of take-over by a "Nazi-Facist" element, says Dick Gregory, the nonviolent but militant civil rights crusader.

However, Johnson's decision not to run may signal an end to an "era of political muscle" and a new period of statesmanship in America, says Dick Gregory, the presidential candidate.

"But we're going to have to watch LBJ — if he leaves the country next week, I'm going to say, 'Bye, you-all!'" says Dick Gregory, the comedian.

Gregory, 35, a former night club comic who has become a preacher for the rights of American minorities, and against what he considers to be the sins of the country, socked it to an audience of a thousand persons at Fresno City College last night, in a two-hour sample of his new, stiff line.

Wide-Ranging Speech

Wearing a dark-green jump suit and appearing with a beard, which he said will re-

main until America makes peace in Vietnam, Gregory spoke here on the 32nd day of his second 40-day fast in protest of the war. He did not look weak, and in fact used energy enough for two well-fed men in a speech that ranged from off-hand gags to fire-and-brimstone pulpit oratory.

And while he still says some very funny things, Gregory appears to be in dead earnest about his principal theme: America is in bad trouble, sinking fast, and it is up to the youth of the country to pull it out.

Most of what he had to say centered on racism and the situation of the black man in this country, but he also had a word for the Mexican-American, the Indian and "the poor white hill-billy."

One of the blacks' biggest problems has been in remaining too humble in the face of white repression, Gregory said.

"Black people should adopt a

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Gregory

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policy of being totally militant to the system," he declared. "Nonviolence is my own personal hangup — I won't preach nonviolence, because all that means is black folks aren't supposed to hit white folks."

Before settling into the serious substance of his message, Gregory offered some material like that in his old routines.

He noted that the only successful heart transplant to date involved a black heart (Clive Haupt's, donated to Dr. Philip Blaiberg) in a white man.

"That's the only thing wrong with white folks—they just need a change of heart." After that drew heavy applause, Gregory added: "But the last thing we want white folks to assume is that we're going to be your spare parts."

Speaking as a presidential candidate, which he has declared he seriously is, Gregory said one of the first things he would do is set up a \$50 billion, white-folks "rest plan"—in order to open up jobs for blacks. But he predicted he would incur the wrath of blacks, who would demand to know why he was giving whites "all those checks while they ain't doing nothing but having all those babies."

Most of the balance of his talk was without levity. Much of his comment touched on American violence. "There's no way to discuss America today without talking of violence. America is a very violent nation."

Whites will not understand the powder-keg of the ghetto until they venture from their "lily-white suburbs" and see some of the "mean, evil" Negroes who "don't give a damn about dying," Gregory said in warning about chances of summer violence.

Speaking of the President's riot commission report, Gregory said he thought the \$80 billion proposed for urban ailments "is not going to solve the problem." First, he said, "we've got to get black folks to trust this country."

On crime, Gregory recalled congressional cheers when Johnson called for control of "crime in the streets." White crime or white violence doesn't upset the nation, he said, but when the crime is black, "the country goes crazy."

He warned of the far-right "Minute Men" whose dynamite he claimed may blow up white suburbs, and of the American penchant for guns that sees "grown men go hunting for little-bittey rabbits with a shotgun."

He called college and teen-aged youth "the No. 1 moral force" in the nation, but cautioned that "the system is getting ready to wipe out young folks," by measures such as elimination of deferments from military service for graduate students.

The job of youth, Gregory declared, is to "give sanity back to a nation gone stone mad."

Before his lecture in the City College gymnasium, Gregory met briefly with reporters. Appearing minutes after President Johnson's disclosure he would not seek re-election, Gregory said he was "caught by surprise" by the announcement.

"But I think we have to give the credit to the young kids — I think it's a tremendous victory for peaceful but militant protest."

Commenting on the changed election picture, Gregory said he could not support "any politician," including the announced candidates. America needs "a statesman" which is what he declares he would be if elected.

Asked about his reactions to the riot commission report, Gregory said he was surprised "it was this honest" regarding racism, but added he was disappointed who they put the blame on. Rather than white racism, he stated, the finger should point to "politicians" who have sworn to uphold the constitution.



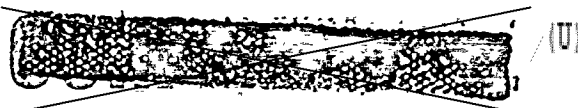
Turning to implications of Memphis rioting last week, Gregory said it was "very important" the disturbance was checked in one day. He added that police now seem to understand the difference between dealing with "a hoodlum, a thug, and a looter, and with a revolter."

"A lot of things are not going to get out of hand because of advanced police training," he declared.

Will the country solve its racial problems, or will the end be revolution? Said Gregory:


"I have a firm belief in my heart we've gone beyond the point of no return, unless we get a shift in the wind. Tonight may be that shift in the wind, with the President stepping down. . . I think if we don't solve the problems confronting the country in the next three years, that America won't exist — it will be torn apart from the inside."

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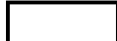


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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On March 31, 1968, Sergeant  Police Department, Vallejo, California, advised that Gregory was scheduled to appear at Solano College, Vallejo, California, on April 1, 1968, sponsored by the College.

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On April 2, 1968, Sergeant  advised that Gregory appeared at Solano College as scheduled, before a crowd of approximately 1,000 young people of college age and fifty per cent of whom were Negro.

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During his speech, Gregory concentrated on criticizing the current Government administration and the treatment of minority groups.

The following article appeared in the April 2, 1968, issue of the "Vallejo Times-Herald" newspaper:

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SPEAKS IN VALLEJO

Dick Gregory Hits Moral Pollution

The major problem confronting America today is "moral pollution" and it is up to the younger generation to solve this problem created by their elders, Dick Gregory told a crowd of 900 in Vallejo Monday night.

Speaking at Hogan High School, Gregory, an independent candidate for president who has been mentioned as the possible standard bearer for the new Peace and Freedom Party, said: "The number one problem confronting this country is not the

problem of air pollution, but moral pollution. I say to you youngsters, you got to solve the problems the old, morally corrupt generation has presented."

Turning to the Democratic and Republican parties, Gregory said they won't let you vote at 18, but make you wait until you're 21 when you are "thoroughly morally corrupted."

"That's why the Peace and Freedom Party has it all, baby, they're the only way out," Gregory told the crowd. The Peace and Freedom Party is currently circulating an 18-year-old initiative ballot measure.

Hammering away that the younger generation must save

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America from its "insanity," Gregory said. "What's wrong with an 18-year-old saying to his country, damn it, if I'm too young to vote, then I should be too young to die."

STAYS ON FAST

Although in the 33rd day of a 40-day fast in protest of the Vietnam war, Gregory entertained and confronted the audience for two and a half hours, interspersing criticisms of America with cutting wit.

He opened his talk by saying: "I just finished crying about LBJ being out of work," but minutes later added if he were elected president, he would "bring all the boys home from Vietnam and send LBJ over there."

Condemning all aspects of the "establishment," Gregory told the audience: "The biggest job you youngsters have is to give sanity back to the insane nation. The Senate and House debate four months over a clean meat bill. Is clean meat debateable?"

Turning to the failure of Congress to pass the anti-rat bill, Gregory said: "You wiped out the buffalo but you can't get rid of the rat."

U.S. POLICY HIT

Attacking U.S. policy in Vietnam, Gregory said if you believe what you read in the newspaper, the Viet Cong Tet offensive "didn't hurt us. We won." But wasn't LBJ surprised when he tried to call the American Embassy and a Viet Cong answered, Gregory said.

Recalling President Johnson's speech Sunday night, Gregory asked: "How do you de-escalate the war cutting back in the bombing and calling up the reserves?" He answered by saying: "When they shot down two \$6 million planes, LBJ decided it's cheaper to lose boys rather than the planes."

With an audience of about 50 per cent black, Gregory spent much of his speech on race problems in America.

He advised young black people, when riots again are televised during the summer, to call their parents to the television, turn down the sound, and read the Declaration of Independence. The section Gregory said to read was:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it."

Gregory continued by saying the Black man has not received these unalienable rights during his 300 years in America. "If you think the civil rights bill is progress, you white people ought to live under it. We want the Constitution."

The problem with America, it refuses to face up to racial violence and it keeps passing the buck, Gregory said. "Someday we will have to admit America is the number one racist country on earth," he said. "If these problems existed in any other country on earth, we could solve them."

TOO MANY GUNS

"One day you young kids are going to ask the question — if

democracy is as good as you (adults) tell us it is, why are we running around the world trying to ram it down people's throats with a gun?

Further commenting on violence, Gregory said he was committed to non-violence but America today is a "violent country."

"I don't go around preaching non-violence because it is the white folks who own the army, planes, and police," Gregory said. "How in the hell are you going to ask a nigger to be non-violent?"

Gregory cited Black Power "committed to non-violence" but leaders Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown of examples of two young men who were non-violent six years ago during the civil rights movement in the south but today "are telling the truth" and have scared the most mighty nation on earth to death."

Commenting on the Black Power speeches of Carmichael and Brown, Gregory said: "When a whole nation can hate two men for telling the truth, there's something wrong with the nation, not the two men."

Gregory concluded his speech by saying we no longer need liberals, but "radicals." Seeing the hope of the country in the young, he concluded: "It's a sick country. It's yours, you youngsters to straighten up or tear down."


RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

An article appearing in the March 25, 1968, issue of "The Sacramento Bee" newspaper revealed that Gregory was scheduled to appear at American River College (ARC), Sacramento, California, on April 2, 1968.

On April 3, 1968, a source ^{who has furnished reliable information in the past} advised that Gregory appeared at ARC as scheduled and spoke before a crowd of approximately 1,700 persons, most of whom were of college age.

Gregory reviewed the history of the Negro race from the days of slavery to the present so-called Civil Rights legislation. He claimed to be an adherent of nonviolence but has nothing but respect for Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown and invited the white radical students to join the Black minority cause. He also praised Martin Luther King and claimed there would be more severe rioting and bloodshed if it were not for the nonviolent attitude of King.

Gregory also criticized Senator Robert Kennedy and stated that when Kennedy was a statesman about eight years ago, he was a highly respected national leader but now that he is in politics, he "stinks."

Gregory complimented the students throughout the country for their continuous protest against the war situation, the draft situation and certain policies laid down by the Johnson Administration. He gave credit to the student protesters for forcing President Johnson's decision in not accepting the nomination as a candidate during the coming national elections. He urged the students to continue their violent and nonviolent actions against the "rotten establishment." He claimed that the riots which are bound to occur during the coming summer will make last year's riots appear to be insufficient.


RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The source advised that no incidents occurred in connection with the appearance of Gregory at ARC.

The following articles appeared in the April 3, 1968, issue of "The Sacramento Bee" newspaper and the April 5, 1968, issue of "The Beaver," ARC newspaper, respectively:

'We Don't Hate You'

Gregory Says Whites Have 'Stinking System'

By Art McGinn

Negro comedian Dick Gregory, with wit as grim as the ghetto itself, last night tried to explain to about 1,700 students, mostly white, what it is like to be black in "white America."

"We don't hate you," he told a standing-room-only crowd at American River College. "We hate your stinking white system, and everything it stands for."

Cites Examples

As an example of the "system," Gregory said:

"If a German soldier had shot my father dead in World War II, he could come to this country today — right now — and live in a neighborhood that my father, who would have died fighting for his country, could never have moved into."

He gave another example:

"A Negro named Charles

Drew gave the world blood plasma. But he bled to death in a hospital where they wouldn't give him blood plasma, his own invention, because he had black skin."

35th Day Of Fast

Gregory, on the 35th day of a 40-day anti-Vietnam fast but showing no signs of it in a 2½-hour speech in the Student Center, said the racism and rampant materialism of "the system" have made this country "the most morally polluted, corrupt and insane nation on the face of the earth today."

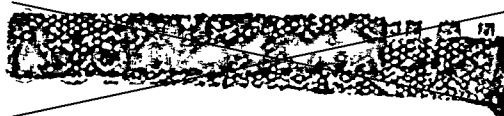
Interrupted by applause several times, Gregory chided the recent report of the President's Commission on Civil Disorder, which recommended a crash \$80 billion program to alleviate riot conditions in the ghettos.

"Baby, you ain't gonna buy this one," Gregory said. "It doesn't cost one nickel to enforce the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. Bill of Rights."

Citing a string of what he called "double-standard practices against Negroes and other minority groups, he charged:

"It's the insults that are driving us crazy."

"And if this nation doesn't stop insulting us, we'll burn this nation down house by house, brick by brick. And don't tell us education is our problem — that's a cheap white cop-out."



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Tired Of System

"We are tired of this whole vast system playing games with us. We are tired of a nation that tells us to be 'non violent' when you — the whites — own all the gas, the police, the CIA and the napalm."

Gregory, noting he is opposed to violence, said "We are going to take your own violence and make you destroy yourselves with it."

Calls It Youth's Job

Gregory said he spent 98 per cent of his lecturing time on college campuses, because the young persons of the nation "have the job of giving sanity back to an insane nation!"

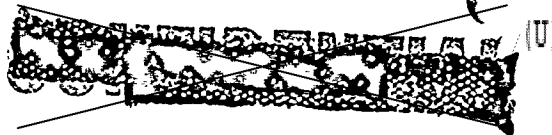
He said they will discover the "No. 1 and the No. 2 men" in the country are "farmers and cops."

"You will find they are both very important, and that if you pay them enough — maybe even overpay them — they can be pretty decent fellows," he said.

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by Marilyn Thompson

"We're tired of your insults . . . Baby, we will burn this nation down house by house and brick by brick if you don't quit insultin' us!" This is the cry of angry frustration, the cry of a man who feels the United States is not living up to the guarantees of the Constitution, a man who is going to do something about it if things are not changed soon.

Whether or not the hundreds of people who crowded into the Student Center at 8 p.m. Tuesday agreed with Dick Gregory, they listened; and when, two hours and 20 minutes later, the Negro leader concluded his speech, they gave him a standing ovation.

"The number one problem in this country," said Gregory, "is moral pollution." And the former comedian implored the young people in the audience to help him eliminate the problem.

He condemned the hypocrisy of the United States for insist-

ing the South Vietnamese government eliminate the corruption in its ranks when America has not cleaned up crime syndicates in her own cities.

He deplored the fact that this is a country where freedom supposedly exists yet where southern Negroes, among them Stokeley Carmichael and Rapp Brown, both one-time advocates of non-violence, pulled guard duty on freedom houses to keep them from being burned by white southerners. And where, only six years ago, as many as 20 civil rights workers were murdered or disappeared within a week's time.

He also told of being locked up in the Birmingham, Ala. jail after a demonstration and having to watch as jail officials allowed lesbians to enter the cell directly across from his and molest the little girls, some no more than 4 years old, who had been among those arrested.

In order to focus attention on the "insanity" of the present system that has allowed so many injustices to occur, non-violent demonstrations have been planned to begin next month in Chicago. The veteran protester stated, "After the Democratic Party announced it would hold its convention in Chicago, I sent letters to the president, party chairman, the mayor and the city council expressing my objection to the selection of Chicago as the site for the convention inasmuch as Chicago has not even tried to solve its problems of racial injustice and economic deprivation. Unless something is done soon, I will begin demonstrations the last week of May. These peaceful non-violent demonstrations will begin on a 12 hour a day schedule and be increased to 24 hours a day by July 4 until dozens of demonstrations will be conducted in different parts of the city simultaneously and continuously."

The purpose of these marches, he said, is to tie up the police force and hopefully force the government to call out the Na-

tional Guard. "If the National Guard is required to maintain peace and order in Chicago, this summer, the United States will have to face the world-wide shame of a democratic government forced to hold a democratic convention we would recognize the situation as evidence of a tumbling government."

In spite of the violence and injustice he has seen, Gregory says, "I am committed to non-violence, just to myself." But he

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Gregory Hits Moral Pollution

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does not oppose the violent actions of others.

He sees the United States as a country that glorifies violence, where, if you watch Matt Dillon, you learn that it is "a virtue to shoot straight." The civil rights activist pointed out that, "We are sick and tired of you telling us to be non-violent when white folks have all the guns."

On the subject of politics, the write-in presidential hopeful praised young people for opposing the Vietnam war. "You made LBJ quit, baby . . . All you had was young, innocent right, and he had to go . . . It's the greatest victory in the history of the world for non-violent right."

The former comedian also expressed disillusionment with Robert Kennedy because he had come out in support of President Johnson prior to the New Hampshire primary. "He ain't to be believed no more."

Senator Eugene McCarthy fared better in the Negro activist's

evaluation. Gregory commended the Democratic nomination hopeful for challenging the president's war policy, but criticized him for not taking a stand on civil rights issues.


As for why he is seeking the presidency, Gregory stated, "I'm a candidate because a lot of people don't want to vote for the lesser of two evils; I'm giving them a choice."

Poverty programs alone will not help, he feels. And poverty is not what is making Negroes riot. "Insults are what's driving us crazy . . . It won't cost this country one nickel to implement this constitution . . . We ain't never going to solve this problem 'til we can trust you."

Although he was in the 35th day of his 40 day Vietnam protest fast, Gregory seemed almost tireless. At times he stood talking quietly, almost whispering, but in other instances, he would nearly begin to dance and would shout into the microphone.

In summary, Dick Gregory is a revolutionary. He is out to destroy not democracy, he feels, but the moral pollution that keeps this country from being a democracy.


RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On April 4, 1968, Harold T. Kulbeth, Chief of Police, Merced, California, advised Special Agent  that on the evening of April 3, 1968, Richard Claxton Gregory spoke at the Merced County Fairgrounds Pavilion. His appearance was sponsored by the Associated Students of Merced College, a faculty approved organization at Merced College, Merced, California.

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The meeting was attended by between 200 and 300 persons. Gregory was in the final stages of a forty-day fast and appeared unsteady on his feet as he delivered his speech. Gregory discussed the Civil Rights problem in the U. S.; rioting by the Negro; and crime on the streets. He also denounced President Johnson, Senator Robert Kennedy and Senator Eugene McCarthy.

The audience at this meeting was composed mainly of Negroes but there were a large number of whites present. No disturbance resulted from his speech even though between 50 and 75 persons left the meeting while Gregory was speaking.

The following article appeared in the April 4, 1968, issue of the "Merced Sun-Star" newspaper:

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Gregory Addresses 250 at Pavilion

By DORIS PIRES

Sun-Star Staff

The fireman and the cop are the best friends you have," Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, presidential candidate and civil rights activist, told the approximately 250 people who gathered at the Fairgrounds Pavilion Wednesday evening.

Gregory, whose appearance here was sponsored by the Associated Students of Merced College, said society has treated both the fireman and policeman like dirt.

"If you want to get rid of crime in the streets," he said, "give dignity and respect back to the policeman, pay him what he's worth. Then you'll have no more problem. Ain't no man going to do something in front of a man that has dignity."

"Garbage collectors can go on strike," Gregory said, "and get higher pay. One of these days, all the firemen and cops are going to wake up and decide not to go to work. Believe me, when you get robbed, raped and your house burns down, you're going to see that they

get decent wages."

Gregory pointed out that young people, as well as adults think it is terrible that our young men must put on a uniform and go to Vietnam to face death.

But, he added, when he dons his uniform each day and kisses his children good-bye, the policeman knows that it may be for the last time.

As for police brutality, Gregory said, "you treat a man like a dog and he acts like a dog."

At the end of the 35th day of a 10-day fast in protest of the war, Gregory appeared weak. His knees buckled almost constantly during the three hours he spoke, giving the appearance of a bobbing and weaving fighter. At times he seemed to forget what it was he wanted to say.

Yet, whether crooning softly, "that's what we're talking about, baby," or booming sonorously from the Declaration of Independence, "all men are created equal, with certain in-

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Dick Gregory

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alienable rights... and when these rights are denied for a long period of time, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it and institute a new form of Government," Gregory never lost his audience.

Of course, Gregory said, the white fathers of this country did not riot over the same things the black people riot over. "They got up tight over a tea tax! Now you know, we aren't going to riot over a Lipton's tea bag!"

One of the problems in the United States today which bothers him most, Gregory said, is that of moral pollution.

The American attitude toward crime and violence is difficult to understand, he said, in fact, "it is insane."

Crime in the streets is another term for the problem of what to do about the Negro, Gregory said. But almost no attention is paid to white crime.

"We support one of the biggest crime syndicates in the world," he said. "Bobby Baker

stole \$8 million while he was working for LBJ but we're supposed to believe LBJ never saw any of it or even knew it was going on.

"I'll bet you if Bobby Baker was working for Adam Clayton Powell, they'd both be in jail!"

Another example of American insanity, Gregory said, is James Hoffa and Cassius Clay. Clay is fighting induction into the Army, he said, and was stripped of his heavyweight boxing crown before the outcome of that trial was known. "But Jimmy Hoffa remained president of the Teamsters' Union right up until he went to jail! That's what we're talking about, baby, justice."

Gregory insists he is serious about being a presidential candidate.

He denounced both senators Eugene McCarthy and Bobby Kennedy although he said McCarthy was the most honest of the two. "He attacked a tower with a toothpick," Gregory said, "and he knocked it down. Then Bobby out, LBJs, LBJ and says he'll run."

He warned his audience against Kennedy because he is a politician. "Besides that, he looks good," Gregory said. "We saw through LBJ because he didn't look so good so we could see what he was doing, but watch out for Bobby... he's pretty."

Perhaps the most obvious example of America's insanity, Gregory said, is its reaction to Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown.

"Krushchev comes over here and says he will bury us and we say 'Come on, baby,' but Rap and Stokely have scared this nation half out of its mind. That's insane."



RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
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Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated [redacted]
Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 1/17/68, and Seattle
tel to the Bureau dated 4/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies,
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ing appearances of subject in the Seattle Division.
Copies of this LHM are being furnished locally to United
States Secret Service, OSI, MIG, NISO, and the United
States Attorney's Office.

The source mentioned on page 1 of the LHM is
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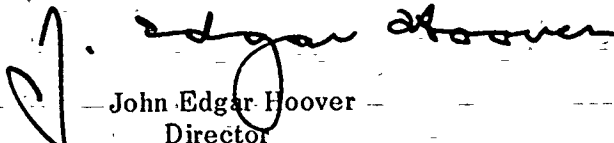
Dear Sir:

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 John Edgar Hoover
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Enclosure(s) 1

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Seattle, Washington
April 25, 1968

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as
Dick Gregory

On [redacted] a confidential source, who b7D
has furnished reliable information in the past, made avail-
able a projected itinerary for a speaking tour by RICHARD
CLAXTON GREGORY, a Negro comedian-entertainer and civil
rights activist who has been arrested on various occasions
as a result of his civil rights activities. One talk
appearing on this itinerary was shown as scheduled for
April 9, 1968, at Olympic College, Bremerton, Washington.
The itinerary also listed a talk to be made at Central
Washington State College, Ellensburg, Washington, the same date.

On April 11, 1968, [redacted] b6
[redacted] Olympic College, said that in January, 1968, b7C
an effort was made to obtain the services of GREGORY
as a speaker at the college, but no agreement with respect
to financial arrangements could be made and no firm
commitment was ever made. GREGORY did not and is not in
the future scheduled to appear at Olympic College.

On April 11, 1968, Sgt. [redacted] Ellensburg, b6
Washington, Police Department, said he had attended an b7C
affair at Central Washington State College (CWSC) in
Ellensburg on the evening of April 10, 1968, at which
GREGORY appeared as a symposium speaker.

[redacted] estimated the audience at the affair, b6
sponsored by the Student Government Association, at about b7C
750-900, of which some 50 were Negroes. Of the latter,
more than half appeared to be persons from out of town,
or, at least, non-students. There were no demonstrations
or disorder of any kind; however, in the text of his
speech, GREGORY at one point addressed himself to "any
FBI or CIA Agents in the audience" with the admonition
to "mark in their book that one policeman's life will be taken
for every black person's life lost." He stressed that
politicians are responsible for much of the current dis-
order, remarking "they promise much but do not fulfill
their promises."

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ENCLOSURE

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

GREGORY derided the Civil Rights Bill as too slow, and insisted Negroes want all their rights and privileges now. He stressed that on the same day he had heard of the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. he also received notice of the affirmation by the Washington State Supreme Court of a 90-day jail sentence which had been imposed upon him by the State of Washington in the past as a result of his involvement there in Indian "fishing rights" demonstrations. He said he would "do his 90 days" quietly, but that the 90 days would probably be something the people of Washington would never forget, hinting that his friends might engage in civil disobedience during his jail term. He inferred this coming summer might be a most difficult time for any persons wishing to visit Washington as tourists.

GREGORY alluded to the assassination of KING as probably "the work of Government Agents," and placed the deaths of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and of MALCOLM X in this same category.

[] said GREGORY had stayed in Ellensburg at a local motel and was accompanied by a light skinned Negro woman who registered separately as [] [] N.W., Washington, D. C. He neither made nor received any telephone calls.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

An article covering the talk of GREGORY at CWSC appeared in the April 11, 1968, issue of the Yakima Herald Republic, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in Yakima, Washington, as follows:

Gregory blisters politicians

ELLENSBURG — Negro comedian Dick Gregory was deadly serious in his address to a Central Washington State College audience here last night.

America has got to stop worrying about the methods of Dr. Martin Luther King, Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown, and start talking about their common purpose, he said.

That purpose is the realization of the principles of the U.S. Constitution for black America,

he said. "It's not the white racist who allows injustice to exist in this country, it's the politician who swears in his oath of office to uphold the Constitution and then doesn't."

Gregory said he will return to Washington State this summer to serve a 90-day jail sentence for violating state fishing laws while staging an Indian fish-in on the Nisqually River last year. That protest was in support of the Indian's right to fish off the reservations without restrictions.

"For the first time, maybe my Indian brothers will get the kind of attention they deserve," he said. "I'm going to do them 90 days with pride. It will be 90 days the state will never forget."

GREGORY spoke on April 11, 1968, at Western Washington State College (WWSC), Bellingham, Washington, and the following article covering this appeared in the April 12, 1968, issue of the Bellingham Herald, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in Bellingham, Washington:

Gregory Tells College Students They Have Job to Do on Rights

By HUNTLY GORDON
Of The Bellingham Herald
"You young kids got a job to do," Negro comedian Dick Gregory told an audience of about 1,200 Western Washington State College students Thursday afternoon.

Gregory, a civil rights leader and announced presidential candidate, appeared at Carver Gymnasium on the 44th day of a 47-day fast.

His fast, a demonstration against the war in Vietnam, may "continue 'til election day in November", he told an audience from which he elicited occasional applause from small pickets of listeners.

WRONG EMPHASIS

"I spend 92 per cent of my time on college campuses," he said, and hoped they could find the answer to the problem of why men don't put emphasis on how fast man can eradicate man's inhumanity to man rather than how fast he can travel from point to point.

Referring to the State Supreme Court's refusal to strike down a 90-day jail sentence, he said that he would be returning to the state soon to serve the sentence, but warned about the consequences.

"You don't have a Ku Klux Klan in white sheets up here. Your clan wears black sheets and calls itself the Supreme Court," and added, "When I get through with this state this summer, Whitey will be dead or as American as anybody."

Speaking of the Civil Rights bill passed Wednesday, Gregory said: "We don't want a rights bill, what we want is the

rights guaranteed in the Constitution."

INSTALLMENT PLAN

Noting that provisions of the bill don't go into effect until 1970, he added: "We don't want our rights on the installment plan."

Repeatedly insisting that the white man "is playing games with us" and "that we're tired of games," he launched into a discussion of non-violence.

"What is non-violence?" he asked. "To some it's turn both cheeks, then swing. To others, it's not hitting first. To others it's not getting hurt," he said.

In referring to the late Martin Luther King Jr., he said that non-violence is a method — and only a method — but the purpose is equal rights. Change in method doesn't mean a change in purpose.

UP TO HISTORY

"History will decide which method is best," he said.

Turning to the American Indian, he said that the highest rate of suicide in the nation and the tuberculosis rate is among Indians.

"As long as he's peaceful, no one gives a damn," he added. "I hope we'll live long enough to be as afraid of injustice as we are of communism," he declared.

He told the students: "Don't let them (older people) tell you that you're weak. You made the

number one man-quit. You've got a thing going."

Referring to the civil rights movement, he said that it no longer needs northern white liberals, it needs white radicals.

"Before you come South, take a nigger home and bug your mom and daddy. We're tired of your picking on our redneck cracker," he said.

In other parts of his speech, he said it is "more honorable to go to jail than to go to Canada," to oppose the draft law; that Negroes should have "qualified, gone to Mexico and dropped the baton" in the Olympics, rather than refused to participate early; and that "money won't buy the Negro's trust."

Saying that a statesman doesn't have to solicit votes, so he wouldn't discuss his presidential candidacy, he said he opposes Sen. Robert F. Kennedy because "he's lied to the world" when he said he hadn't entered the race because he thought it would split the Democratic party.

And of Sen. Eugene McCarthy, Gregory said he still likes him and "he hasn't lied to us yet."

He closed by inviting students down to Tacoma while he's serving his sentence for "the action."

Gregory was on campus to keynote the Associated Students nominating convention Thursday night.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

With reference to GREGORY's talk at WWSC, [redacted] Security Officer, WWSC, who attended the affair, offered the following supplementary remarks on April 11, 1968:

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GREGORY said nothing in the course of his talk about disrupting the Democratic National Convention as he has in the past threatened to do. He talked a good bit about the Indians in the State of Washington and how they have suffered. He referred derisively to President JOHNSON on several occasions, and described him as the "slickest politician since Caesar;" said he originally had a rather high opinion of ROBERT F. KENNEDY, but this was before he became "a politician." He now holds him in low esteem. L 4.

GREGORY stated he had met JAMES GARRISON, the New Orleans Prosecuting Attorney, and remarked that they both know something the general public doesn't know--that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was sent to Russia by the FBI to see if the U-2 airplane made contrails at 27,000 feet.

GREGORY read from a paper he held in his hand an article pertaining to the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., this being to the effect that on a direct line of fire from the window from which the fatal shot was fired to where KING was standing was a tree, but this had been split and bent over, and "only the United States Government would be that thorough and have the foresight to move a tree from the line of fire." GREGORY said the Government also was involved in the shooting of MEDGAR EVANS.

With reference to the 90-day jail sentence imposed on GREGORY by the State of Washington for his actions in connection with the Indian fishing rights matter in that state, subject said he did not intend to appeal the Washington State Supreme Court affirmation of the sentence, but expects to start serving it on May 20, 1968.

At a press conference following his talk, [redacted] said GREGORY was asked whether he is still planning on disrupting the Democratic National Convention, and he replied "No, I don't have to now; you saw what happened in Chicago."

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[redacted] said there were no disturbances, demonstrations, or disorder of any kind incidental to subject's appearance in Bellingham. He said following his appearance

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

GREGORY was to be taken to Vancouver, B. C., Canada, airport where he had reservations on a flight to Seattle, Washington.

A source in Seattle, Washington, on April 11, 1968, advised that subject had reservations at the Hilton Inn at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport for the night of April 11-12, 1968; and [redacted] also had a separate reservation there for the same night. b6 b7c

A second source in Seattle advised that subject arrived in Seattle at 11:13 PM aboard United Air Lines (UAL) Flight #223 on the night of April 11, 1968, and departed Seattle on the morning of April 12, 1968, at 6:20 AM aboard UAL Flight #222 en route Salt Lake City via Portland, Oregon, and Boise, Idaho.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The "Bellingham Herald", issue of April 12, 1968, carried an item pertinent to GREGORY's imminent incarceration and this is reproduced below.

**Group Plans
Support Sit-in
For Gregory**

OLYMPIA (AP) — A group supporting Negro comedian Dick Gregory for President plans a sit-in outside the Thurston County jail while he serves his 90-day jail sentence for illegal fishing, Gregory's attorney said Thursday night. *WA SH*

Jack Tanner of Tacoma told the Capital City Press Club the demonstration would be staged by the Peace and Freedom Party, which has nominated Gregory for President in the California primary.

Gregory announced at Central Washington State College in Ellensburg Wednesday night that he would serve his sentence "with pride." The comic's appeal on a conviction arising out of demonstrations on behalf of Indian fishing rights was turned down last week by the State Supreme Court.

Tanner said Gregory did not plan to surrender until after he had asked the supreme court for a rehearing, which he has until May 4 to do. However, Gregory, who was in Seattle overnight Wednesday, said he would be prepared to start his sentence May 20. He plans to ask for an extension of the May 4 date.

A characterization of the Peace and Freedom Party is in the appendix.

APPENDIXTHE PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY OF WASHINGTON

The records of the Secretary of State, Olympia, Washington, indicate that the Peace and Freedom Party (PFP) of Washington is a duly constituted minority political party in statutory conformity with the laws of the State of Washington. As a result of a nominating convention held in Seattle, Washington, on September 20, 1966, 276 registered voters qualified as delegates.

A press release issued by the PFP from its office, 512 Wellington Avenue, Seattle, Washington, on September 26, 1966, states the Party's platform is based on opposition to U.S. intervention in the war in Vietnam and declared "that the war is immoral, brutal, and illegal," and asked that American troops be withdrawn. It expressed concern about the grave effects of this war at home; and that preoccupation of the government and the American people with the war in Vietnam is causing the civil rights movement, which the Party supports, to meet with increasing resistance.

On August 24, 1967, a source advised that many communists attended the nominating convention of the PFP upon the urging and insistence of Communist Party leaders and qualified as delegates.

This same source also advised that at the PFP Political Issues Conference held in Seattle on May 7, 1967, Communist Party leaders participated and submitted position papers. A larger number of Communist Party members than at the nominating convention participated and many were elected to Congressional District Committees and representation on the PFP State Committee.

The above source advised on August 24, 1967, that at a meeting of the PFP held in Seattle on August 21, 1967, delegates were selected to attend a conference in Chicago, Illinois.



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Seattle, Washington

April 25, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY also known as
Dick Gregory

Character

Reference Communication dated and captioned
as above at Seattle, Washington.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, WASHINGTON FIELD (VIA BUREAU)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY RM. 00: CHICAGO.

[REDACTED] SKOKIE PD, SKOKIE
ILL. ADVISED INSTANT GREGORY MADE SPEECH SPONSORED BY POLITICS FOR
PEACE BEFORE APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TEENAGERS IN HIPPIE
ATTIRE AT ORCHARD JR. HIGH SCHOOL, SKOKIE, ILL. THIS DATE. TURN OUT
CONSIDERED DISAPPOINTING TO SPONSORS SINCE OVER SIX HUNDRED EXPECTED.
GREGORY ADVISED AUDIENCE THAT "HIS PEOPLE GOING TO BURN DOWN COUNTRY
BRICK BY BRICK, THAT JEWISH PEOPLE SHOULD WAKE UP AS POLITICANS
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THEM."

[REDACTED] ADVISED NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED AT GATHERING AND GREGORY
DEPARTED FOUR TWENTY-FIVE PM FOR O'HARE AIRPORT.

RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT GREGORY BOARDED [REDACTED]
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CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK 157-1093 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA; RACIAL MATTERS;

OO CHICAGO

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED INSTANT

DATE THAT

SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY PLANS TO LEAVE NYC, ON
APRIL TWENTY EIGHT LAST, BY AIR FOR NORTH CAROLINA,
WEST VIRGINIA AND IDAHO, AND TO RETURN TO CHICAGO
ABOUT MAY ONE NEXT. SOURCE HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION.
RE DETAILS OF GREGORY'S TRAVEL PLANS.

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Date: 4/24/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
 RM
 (OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago airtel to Director and LHM dated
 4/16/68, and Pittsburgh airtel to Director dated
 4/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an
 LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies of this
 LHM are being furnished Pittsburgh Division for info
 purposes. This LHM is being disseminated locally to
 the USA, U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and Region 1
 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Confidential source referred to in the LHM
 is [redacted], Skokie,
 Illinois PD.

Pittsburgh is requested to advise Chicago
 concerning GREGORY's departure arrangements at the
 termination of his appearance at Marshall University,
 Huntington, West Virginia, on 4/27/68.

Chicago will afford GREGORY's appearance,
 Skokie, Ill., on 4/28/68, appropriate source coverage.

③-Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
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 (1-100-44202 - 13TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, POLITICS
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C. C. Bishop

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

219 South Dearborn Street

Chicago, Illinois 60604

April 24, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

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CG 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated April 16, 1968. ZIL

On April 19, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that an organization known as Politics For Peace is sponsoring a speech by Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, and critic of the United States Vietnam war policy, at the Orchard Junior High School, Skokie, Illinois, on April 28, 1968, at 2:30 PM. Gregory's topic is listed as "Moral Pollution in the United States."

This source stated that Politics For Peace is a continuation of the National Conference for New Politics which was held in Chicago over the Labor Day weekend of 1967. This organization is running a campaign to elect peace candidates for the 13th Congressional District in the Democratic primary to be held in Illinois on June 11, 1968.

This source further advised that there are seating arrangements at the Orchard Junior High School to accommodate 400 people, however, approximately 600 are expected to attend Gregory's appearance.

The above information is being furnished the United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, and 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 4-25-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages E3292-E3293. Congressman Rosenthal, (D) New York, extended his remarks concerning civil strife and stated "If our knowledge and understanding of the frustration, despair, and rage in our ghettos is limited, we must acknowledge a grave responsibility to give our full attention to those black Americans who can reach us with their words. Dick Gregory has shown us that he can communicate with white America. In an address before Yale College's senior class dinner last winter, he tells it very much like it is, and in exceptionally moving terms." The address was reprinted in the Washington Post on April 14, 1968. Mr. Rosenthal also inserted it in the Record. Gregory in relating the events of school integration in the South stated "You're not only being attacked by the mob, but by the police, - - -. Then you realize today is your turn to die, and you stop being so scared and you start relating with reality and you look around and you see the FBI taking pictures that will never show. You know what I'm talking about, don't you?"

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 4-24-68 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (157-329) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
Dick Gregory
RACIAL MATTER
OO: Chicago

Re Portland letter to Bureau and Chicago, 3/30/68;
and Seattle teletype to Bureau, Chicago, et al, 4/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for
Chicago 3 copies of Letterhead Memorandum re subject's
appearance at Portland. Copies are being disseminated to
USA, Secret Service, Military Intelligence, OSI, and NIC,
Portland.

The source mentioned herein is [REDACTED]

This LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ because data
reported by source could reasonably result in identification
of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise
future effectiveness thereof.

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(1-FOREIGN INFLUENCE ON
BLACK NATIONALIST MOVEMENT)
1-Portland

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BY: [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

April 24, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☒ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☒ may be available through Chicago Police Department

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Portland, Oregon

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(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Portland, Oregon

In Reply, Please Refer to
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April 24, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,
also known as Dick Gregory
RACIAL MATTER

The information below was provided on April 22, 1968 by a source who was in a position to be well informed and who has furnished reliable information in the past.

During the evening of April 9, 1968 at a private residence at 3606 N.E. Garfield Avenue, Portland, Oregon, about 50 persons gathered for a meeting of Black Student Union (BSU) members. Persons attending, all non-Caucasian, were mainly college students in the Portland area.

At 11:45 p.m. Dick Gregory, the nationally known Negro comedian, appeared at the residence. He said that he had been in Atlanta, Georgia in the day for the funeral of Martin Luther King and had flown directly to Portland for a scheduled public appearance in the evening at the University of Portland.

In addressing the BSU members, Gregory said that he does not usually talk to gatherings of Black students. Then commenting upon the death of Doctor King, he said: "This is it for this country. I am going to stick around until I see it fall then I am going to leave. I hate this country". He said that his purpose in appearing at colleges is to encourage militancy and revolution among the students. He noted that he is successful in this even among White students. Gregory stated that he is a "write-in" candidate for President of the United States and that after the election he is going to travel to 20 countries to see if they recognize him as a "President-in-exile." Persons present in the group asked Gregory questions about what they could do as students to

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
also known as
Dick Gregory
RACIAL MATTER

help the cause of destruction in this country. Gregory said that he would not say anything that would cause him to be guilty of conspiracy, but he replied, "Keep on doing what you're doing". He noted that in Chicago, for example, there is a gas station situated by a freeway and that a pipe to one of the gas storage tanks could easily be broken permitting gas to flow over the freeway and when it was lit, all traffic on the freeway would be stopped. During the course of his talk, Gregory indicated he is opposed to racial violence, but it is the only way for Negroes to gain their manhood.

Gregory left the meeting at 1:15 a.m., April 10, 1968.

The above mentioned source advised that he has no further details relative to Gregory's comments during the BSU meeting.

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239PM URGENT 4/26/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, NEWARK AND PITTSBURGH
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P) 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM, OO: CHICAGO, PITTSBURGH FILE
ONE FIVE SEVEN - SIX FIVE TWO.

RE PITTSBURGH AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR DATED APRIL ONE NINE LAST,
AND CHICAGO AIRTEL AND LHM TO DIRECTOR DATED APRIL TWO FOUR LAST.

CHICAGO PD SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT, GREGORY OBSERVED
DEPARTING O'HARE AIRPORT, CHICAGO, INSTANT, ABOARD UNITED
AIRLINE FLIGHT FOUR EIGHT TWO IN COMPANY OF TWO UNIDENTIFIED
MALE NEGROES. FLIGHT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE NEWARK, NEW JERSEY,
ONE FOUR TWO PM INSTANT EST.

CURRENT ITINERARY REFLECTS GREGORY SCHEDULED TO SPEAK
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY, HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA, FOUR PM,
APRIL TWO SEVEN NEXT AND ORCHARD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, SKOKIE,
ILLINOIS, TWO THREE ZERO PM APRIL TWO EIGHT NEXT.

CHICAGO HAS NO INFORMATION INDICATING THE PURPOSE OF
GREGORY'S TRAVEL TO NEWARK.

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NEWARK REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW GREGORY'S ACTIVITIES
IN NEWARK ACCORDING TO OUTSTANDING BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING
MILITANT BLACK NATIONALIST TRAVEL. ADVISE PITTSBURGH RE
GREGORY'S DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS FROM NEWARK.

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ATT: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RACIAL MATTERS
BLACK NATIONALISTS, OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CHICAGO.

ON INSTANT DATE, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS
FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT
SUBJECT WOULD FLY OUT OF NEW YORK CITY ON INSTANT AFTERNOON,
EN ROUTE TO HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA, FOR PURPOSE OF
MAKING A SPEECH. SUBJECT TO FLY BACK TO NEW YORK CITY
ON INSTANT DATE, TO
RETURN ABOUT ELEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

ADMINISTRATION:

REFERENCE NEW YORK TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND
PITTSBURGH, APRIL TWO SEVEN, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-440423, CHICAGO, CHARLOTTE, NEWARK, NEW YORK,

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FROM PITTSBURGH 157-652

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM. 00: CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTYSIX, LAST.

ee CAPTAIN [REDACTED] HUNTINGTON, W.VA., PD, ADVISED

GREGORY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TRI-STATE AIRPORT, HUNTINGTON,
W.VA., TWELVE TWENTYTWO PM, TODAY, DEPART TRI-STATE AIRPORT
FOR PITTSBURGH, PA., SIX FIFTY PM, TODAY.

SOURCE AT [REDACTED] TRI-STATE AIRPORT, HUNTINGTON,
ADVISED [REDACTED] FLIGHT SEVEN ELEVEN ARRIVES TRI-STATE
AIRPORT TWELVE TWENTYTWO PM FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. SOURCE
STATED [REDACTED] FLIGHT FIVE FOURTEEN DEPARTS TRI-STATE
AIRPORT FOR PITTSBURGH, PA., SIX FIFTY PM, ARRIVES PITTSBURGH
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PITTSBURGH, PA., ADVISED GREGORY SCHEDULED TO DEPART PGH.,
APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, INSTANT AT EIGHT THIRTY PM, VIA TWA FLIGHT
ONE EIGHTY, ARRIVING NEWARK NINE THIRTY PM. IN ADDITION,

[REDACTED] FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY FOR GREGORY.

ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, NEXT, GREGORY WILL DEPART NEW YORK
CITY FROM LA GUARDIA AIRPORT VIA UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT
NINE ZERO THREE ENROUTE TO O'HARE FIELD, CHICAGO, ILL. ON
SAME DAY, GREGORY WILL LEAVE CHICAGO VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES
FLIGHT TWO FOUR FOUR FOR NATIONAL AIRPORT, WDC, AND WILL
DEPART WDC SAME DATE, VIA PIEDMONT AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT ONE
SEVEN, ENROUTE TO FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. ON APRIL TWENTYNINE,
NEXT, GREGORY WILL DEPART FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., VIA PIEDMONT
AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT EIGHT FOUR FOR WDC AND WILL LEAVE
WDC SAME DATE VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE SEVEN
SEVEN FOR O'HARE AIRPORT, CHICAGO.

PITTSBURGH WILL COVER GREGORY'S APPEARANCE AT MARSHAL
UNIVERSITY, HUNTINGTON, W.VA., TODAY THROUGH ESTABLISHED
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SAC, Sacramento (157-117)

May 7, 1968

Director, FBI (100-440423)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTERS

ReSClet and letterhead memorandum (LHM) both dated 4-19-68.

Fourteen pages of referenced LHM consist of copies of newspaper articles relating to public appearances by Gregory in your territory. The practice of submitting verbatim accounts of newspaper articles in letterhead memoranda is undesirable and should be avoided in the future. In this connection, you are referred to the FBI Handbook, Part III, page 154e, which states that pertinent data appearing in newspapers or publications should be concisely summarized in letterhead memoranda. B

Referenced LHM has been classified "~~Confidential~~" (U) because of data received from [redacted] concerning Gregory's appearance at American River College, Sacramento, California, on 4-2-68. As you are aware, Gregory on this occasion appeared before approximately 1,700 persons. It is felt that the possibility of disclosing the identity of this informant on the basis of information furnished is extremely remote and such a classification is, therefore, not considered warranted. Accordingly, Bureau copies of the LHM have been declassified and both Sacramento and Chicago should take similar action. b7D

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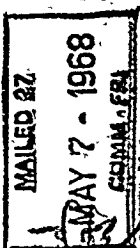
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Date: 5-2-68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-775) - P -

SUBJECT: CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
Dick Gregory
SPEECH ON MAY 6, 1968,
CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS
(REBEL ROUSER)
RM

(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau dated 3-7-68.

On 3-12-68, [redacted] Eastern Illinois University (EIU), Charleston, Illinois, advised that inasmuch as Charleston, Illinois, is a small, rural community, he expected no racial demonstrations or problems of any kind in connection with GREGORY's speech on 5-6-68.

On 3-12-68, [redacted] Security Officer, EIU, stated that he had no reason to believe there would be any demonstrations connected with GREGORY's speech. He advised that as a matter of course and in addition to his being in attendance himself, he is planning to have GREGORY's speech recorded. He offered to discreetly make a copy of the recording available to the FBI. He related that although there would be no display of force by police officers, his officers, city police officers, sheriff's deputies and State Police would be in an area adjacent to the campus in the event of any possibly disturbances.

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On 3-12-68, the following individuals were contacted concerning GREGORY's appearance at EIU:

[redacted]
Investigator
State's Attorney's Office
Charleston, Illinois

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CHARLES TALBOTT
Chief of Police
Charleston, Illinois

MIKE CURTIS, Sheriff
Coles County
Charleston, Illinois

[redacted] Lieutenant
District 10, Illinois State Police
Pesotum, Illinois

Regular liaison has been maintained with above authorities and sources.

On 5-1-68, [redacted] Captain, District 10, Illinois State Police, Pesotum, Illinois, advised that in cooperation with the security police of EIU, Charleston Police Department and Coles County Sheriff's Office, he would have State Troopers available during GREGORY's appearance at Charleston, Illinois. He stated that he would also have plain clothes officers in attendance at the speech.

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In view of the above, no further coverage is being anticipated by Springfield UACB. Bureau will be advised in form suitable for dissemination of GREGORY's appearance.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND SPRINGFIELD (157-775)
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P) 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM OO: CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR AND LHM

LAST AND SPRINGFIELD AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR MAY TWO LAST.

CHICAGO PD SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT INFORMATION OBTAINED
INDICATING GREGORY TO LECTURE AT MC-KENDREE COLLEGE,
LEBANON, ILLINOIS, MAY SEVEN NEXT.

REFERENCED CHICAGO LHM SET FORTH ITINERARY INDICATING
GREGORY TO LECTURE AT MONMOUTH COLLEGE, MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS,
MAY SEVEN NEXT.

SPRINGFIELD IS REQUESTED TO AFFORD GREGORY APPEARANCES
APPROPRIATE COVERAGE.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
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OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago teletype to Director, New York and WFO
dated 4/28/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated
and captioned as above. This LHM is being disseminated locally
to USA, Chicago, U. S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I,
113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Source referred to in LHM is [redacted]
[redacted], Skokie, Illinois PD.

Chicago continues to follow the activities of GREGORY
and will keep the Bureau advised of pertinent developments.

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BY: ERS - jmc

C. G. Bishop

Approved: [Signature]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Chicago, Illinois

May 2, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,
ALSO KNOWN AS

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated
April 24, 1968.

On April 28, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory spoke before approximately 160 teen-agers, described as hippies, at Orchard Junior High School, Skokie, Illinois, that date. Gregory's speech was sponsored by an organization known as Politics For Peace which is a continuation of the National Conference for New Politics which was held in Chicago over the Labor Day weekend, 1967. The turnout at Gregory's speech was considered disappointing to the sponsors inasmuch as over 600 individuals were expected to be in attendance.

During the speech Gregory advised his audience that the Negroes of this country were going to "burn down this country brick by brick" if America did not wake up to its racism. Gregory was very critical of civil rights legislation which has been passed by Congress in recent years. He stated that the only good thing about this year's civil rights bill is that it was tied in with anti-riot legislation. Gregory stated, "This is good because it will force militant Negroes to stop talking, go underground and start doing something."

Gregory was also critical of "white liberals" and referred to them as obsolete. In reference to this, Gregory stated, "Liberals are the kind of people who will talk to you, they might even do something for you, but they always act as if they were doing you a big favor."

Gregory referred to Skokie, Illinois, as an anti-Negro area. He contended that Skokie was not only anti-Negro, but also populated by many crime syndicate figures. Gregory stated, "In this town you won't let a Negro live next to you, but you have syndicate hoods living all over. They are the filthiest snakes that crawl on this earth."

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Gregory was applauded several times by his audience during the course of this speech. No incidents occurred during or after the speech.

The above information is being furnished the following agencies:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois;
United States Secret Service, Chicago;
Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois

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Date: 4/29/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-64492) (P)
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
 RACIAL MATTERS
 OO: Chicago

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated [redacted]
 Los Angeles letter and letterhead memorandum (LHM) to the
 Bureau dated 4/5/68; and Los Angeles airtel and LHM cap-
 tioned "PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY AND BLACK PANTHER PARTY
 SPONSORED RALLY, SUNSET AND VINE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA"
 dated 4/18/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a LHM
 and three copies are being furnished to Chicago, who is
 office of origin in this matter.

The enclosed LHM sets forth details concerning
 GREGORY's speaking engagements in the Los Angeles area.

Sources utilized in this LHM are as follows:

Source 1 is [redacted] who furnished information
 orally to SA FRANCIS G. KAHL on 4/16/68.

Source 2 is [redacted] who furnished information
 orally to SA [redacted] on 4/17/68.

Source 3 is [redacted] who furnished information
 orally to SA [redacted] on 4/18/68.
 C. C. Bishop

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BY: ERS - j.w.

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The enclosed LHM is being marked ~~confidential~~ (U) because it contains data furnished by confidential sources, the disclosure of which could reasonably result in identification of confidential sources of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
April 29, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTER

Sources utilized in this memorandum have furnished reliable information in the past.

Source 1 on April 15, 1968, indicated that a rally which was being sponsored by the Peace and Freedom Party (PFP) and the Black Panther Party For Self-Defense (BPPSD) (see appendix) will be held at the intersection of Sunset and Vine, Los Angeles, California, on April 16, 1968. The purpose of this rally is to raise funds in memory of Bobby Hutton, who was recently shot and killed by members of the Oakland, California, Police Department. Hutton was a male Negro member of the BPPSD.

The PFP is a legitimate registered political party in the State of California.

Source 1 indicated that the rally would feature numerous well-known Black Nationalists and would include Dick Gregory, a Negro comedian, who is running for President of the United States.

Source 2 on April 17, 1968, related that a rally was held at the Kaleidoscope Club located at the intersection of Sunset and Vine, Los Angeles, California. This rally was sponsored by numerous Black Nationalist organizations in Los Angeles, California. There were approximately 500 persons who attended the rally which went without incident. The featured speakers included Dick Gregory and Bobby Seale, who is connected with the BPPSD.

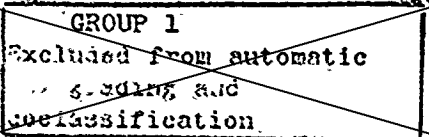
On April 18, 1968, a third source advised that on Tuesday, April 16, 1968, at 8:00 p.m., a rally was held at the Kaleidoscope Club located at the intersection of Sunset

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and Vine, Los Angeles, California. The rally was sponsored by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the BPPSD, and the PFP. Between 400 to 500 persons attended this rally and of these, approximately 40 per cent were Negro.

Dick Gregory, a Negro comedian, was one of several featured speakers and he ridiculed the white race and urged that black men find white girls to love, as all he had ever seen in his life were white people making love. He criticized President Johnson, Robert Kennedy, and both major political parties in the United States.

Gregory Rally
Ventura College
Ventura, California

In the April 11, 1968, edition of the "Press Courier", a daily newspaper in Oxnard, California, an article appeared on Page 1 entitled "Gregory To Speak At Ventura College". This article indicated that Dick Gregory, a Negro civil rights leader, comedian, and author, would speak at Ventura College on April 17, 1968, in the college gymnasium. The article related that Gregory would draw an exceptionally large crowd and many groups were coming from outside the Ventura area.

On April 18, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] Ventura Police Department, Ventura, California, advised that Dick Gregory was the featured speaker at a rally held at Ventura College gym, Ventura, California, on April 17, 1968. There were approximately 800 people in attendance who were mostly of the young "hippie type" and indicated there were few Negroes in the audience. Gregory criticized everything that was white and stressed how the Negroes had been suppressed by the white majority. This rally went without incident and no disturbances were reported and no arrests were made.

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In the April 18, 1968, edition of the "Press Courier", a newspaper in Oxnard, California, an article appeared entitled "Gregory Apologizes For Negroes' Behavior" written by Bob Denman, which related substantially the following:

"I want to apologize for us Niggers behavior after Martin Luther King was shot because we had no business messing

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTER

up your spring time and your cherry blossom season in Washington because everyone knows the riot season runs from June through August."

"Martin Luther King was our man and in the ghetto when somebody does in your man, you do something."

He criticized the United States as a sick insane country where a man who preaches nothing but good and love can be hated. He said of the civil rights bill passed by Congress after Martin Luther King's assassination, "You can take it and tear it up". "We don't want no special nothing for us. We want our rights under the same piece of paper by which we pay our taxes, the Constitution." He further related that "We'll burn this country down house by house, brick by brick, until you quit insulting us."

In his speech, Gregory criticized the war in Vietnam, President Johnson, poverty, and the white racist structure.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF-DEFENSE (BPPSD)

A source advised that the Black Panther Party For Self-Defense (BPPSD) was formed by HUEY PERCY NEWTON, Minister of Defense, and BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, Chairman, in Oakland, California, in December, 1966, as a militant black nationalist political organization to combat "police brutality," to unite militant black youth, to determine the destiny of black communities, and to educate black people in African history. The political philosophy of the organization was taken from the writings of MAO TSE-TUNG of Communist China and black militant writers.

The official BPPSD publication "The Black Panther - Black Community News Service" indicates the leadership of the BPPSD advocates the use of guns and guerilla tactics in the violent revolutionary program to end oppression and to oppose the drafting of black men to fight in Vietnam.

A second source advised that in early 1967, SEALE, NEWTON, and their associates carried carbine rifles and holstered pistols in plain view on the streets of Oakland and elsewhere while on "defense patrols."

BOBBY GEORGE SEALE was one of the persons arrested by the Sacramento, California Police Department on May 2, 1967, when members of the BPPSD invaded the California State Legislative Assembly in Sacramento while in session, carrying loaded guns to protest restrictions on the carrying of guns.

A Grand Jury of Alameda County, California, Oakland, California, on November 13, 1967, indicted HUEY PERCY NEWTON on charge of murder of an Oakland, California police officer on October 28, 1967, in Oakland, California.

The first source advised that the headquarters office of the BPPSD at 5624 Grove Street, Oakland, California, is closed and that no membership meetings have been held since August, 1967.

The November 4, 1967, issue of "The Sun Reporter," a San Francisco, California Negro community newspaper, states that a HUEY PERCY NEWTON defense fund has been established and that the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) through the national offices have pledged their complete and continuous support to the defense of HUEY PERCY NEWTON.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
April 29, 1968

Title RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Character RACIAL MATTER

Reference Letterhead memorandum
dated and captioned as
above at Los Angeles.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (157-117) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
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(OO:CG)

Re Sacramento letter and LHM to the Bureau, 4/19/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Five copies are enclosed for Chicago.

There is no indication that GREGORY will return to the Sacramento Division in the near future and, accordingly, this investigation is referred upon completion to the Office of Origin.

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DEPT: ISD/CHICAGO

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DATE FORW: 5-16-68
BY: [signature]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Sacramento, California 95814

May 8, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The following article appears in the April 24, 1968, issue of "The Aggie," official publication of the University of California, Davis, student body:

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Dick Gregory, famed comedian and civil rights leader will speak tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Freeborn Hall. Gregory is sponsored by Student Forums. Gregory has been mentioned as a write-in candidate for President of the United States. He has come into the news recently for his hunger strikes against the war in Vietnam. Gregory has been arrested many times for his civil rights activities.

Gregory is a man with a message... a message of freedom and equality not only for the Negro but the entire human race. He has spent more time in southern jails, marched in more demonstrations, prevented more racial violence and worked harder for the rights of the Negro than any other entertainer in America. His autobiography, "Nigger" has become a best seller and his new book "Sermons" for Doubleday, looks to be an even bigger success.

But more than a commentator, more than an author, more than a comedian, he is a soldier in a war against hate and bigotry. His weapons include a complete personal dedication of his talent and a razor sharp sense of humor. His home is in five suitcases, a garment bag and a tape recorder. He lives en route, stopping to play countless

benefits, deliver church sermons, lobby in Washington and speak at colleges and universities all over the country. Named as the man most hated by the Ku Klux Klan, he quips, "They're so out of style, I think they're the only people in the country who aren't using colored sheets." A dynamic and communicative man, his message is vital to the fight for equality in this country and his experience is first-hand.

Dick Gregory, in addition to being the great leader in the Negro's fight for equality is a top star of television, stage and motion pictures. He has toured the continent, become an international leader, starred on Broadway and on the major television shows, and made a spectacular motion picture debut in "Sweet Love, Bitter."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

"THE AGGIE"

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DAVIS, CALIFORNIA

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The following article appears in the April 25, 1968, issue of the "Sacramento Bee" daily newspaper:

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Gregory Places Society's Hopes In Hands Of Young During UCD Speech

DAVIS — Dick Gregory, civil rights leader, presidential candidate, author and comedian, last night placed the hopes of the Negro people and American society in the hands of the college student.

Gregory, who recently halted a 47-day fast in opposition to the war in Vietnam, was the guest of Student Forums on the Davis campus of the University of California.

"This generation of college youth," the 36-year-old entertainer remarked, "is the greatest in history, for you are willing to march, to demonstrate and to oppose the status quo for equality and right."

Cautions Youth

He cautioned youth to beware of "slick politicians and hackneyed explanations" for major events.

"The assassination of Martin Luther King," he stressed, "must be understood for what it is . . . the killing of an American by an American, not as King, a Negro, having been killed by a racist cracker.

"You young people feel the pain of the death of King," he remarked, "while the older generations feel the shame."

Tired Of Insults

Black people are tired of being insulted, Gregory continued, and of having to take a secondary position in society.

"Why is it?" he asked, "that a German who killed my father in World War II, making me fatherless for 26 years and my mother a widow, can come to America in 1968 and buy a home us black people cannot own?"

The black people were offended when President Johnson told King's widow he could not attend the funeral because he was too busy with a meeting with Gen. Westmoreland.

"Can this be right," he asked, "that a man with so much love in his heart, who felt so strongly toward equality and right, can be gunned down in the streets by hate, and then to be ignored for a meeting with a man of war as is Westmoreland?"

Gregory called society "sick" if it thinks a Negro soldier can be trained to kill a Viet Cong sniper at 500 yards, a man he does not know, "than return to his Negro community and not fight to liberate his mammy.

"The real problems in the world are in America," Gregory charged. "One has only to go 500 miles in any direction to find them."

He predicted that if any country in the world suffered from the social ills that exist in the United States, "We would surely be able to solve them."

Applause from more than 2,500 persons, capped with a standing ovation, greeted Gregory when he concluded, "America was mighty when she was right!"

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The following article appears in the "Daily Democrat,"
daily newspaper published in Woodland, California:

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Gregory wit lashes at politicians, injustices

By Jan Ritter

As a UCD audience convulsed with laughter, comedian Dick Gregory proved in Davis last night he's the world's funniest "36 year old non-violent vegetarian nigger."

Slim-built and slightly bearded, Gregory is a civil rights riot — pun intended — who fights his cause with a rambling and brilliant wit, instead of a gas bomb.

Yet, he can slash through gales of belly laughs, and seriously comment on the power of young people, and the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Gregory is campaigning for the presidency as a write in candidate for the Peace and Freedom Party. Speaking at the UCD sponsored student forum, he apologized for being out of campaign buttons but distributed hundreds of chartruese and orange bumper stickers. An estimated 3,500 persons were on hand for the talk.

"If elected president, the first thing I would do is paint the White House black, and the second thing would be to bring our boys home from Vietnam and send LBJ over there with nothing but barbecue sauce," said the candidate.

Gregory considers himself a statesman, as opposed to a politician.

"If you want a politician then vote for LBJ," said Gregory. He added his opinion of politicians saying 98 per cent are lowest only to the American crime syndicate.

Gregory urged his audience not to let "those slick politicians fool you ... LBJ the Hawk, Sen. Eugene McCarthy the Dove and Sen. Robert Kennedy the Chicken."

President Lyndon Johnson, often the basis for Gregory's jokes, was referred to as

the "slickest thing walking this earth since Julius Caesar."

Another politician getting jabs from Gregory was California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

"I dig Reagan. Are you aware that Reagan spelled backwards is nagaer," he chided.

"If Bobby Baker had been working for Adam Clayton Powell instead of LBJ, both would be in jail today," said Gregory.

On the same vein, Gregory spoke of Cassius Clay former world boxing champion who lost his title because he refused induction in the Selective Service system. He called Clay, who has taken the name Mohammed Ali as a member of the Black Muslims, the "only man I know who got a divorce because his wife's dresses were too short."

"Clay lost his championship title, yet

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Gregory talks at UCD

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you allowed Jimmy Hoffa to remain teamster president while he was in jail appealing his case," Gregory said.

The Negro comedian, who said he spends 93 per cent of his time speaking at colleges and universities, made reference to the Negro boycott of the summer Olympics in Mexico City. He said he opposed the boycott at this stage . . . "they should have worked out and gone to Mexico city first."

Gregory said he was close to sports and was the third fastest trackman among the small colleges in 1954.

"I guess its the racism in me," he quipped.

Dressed in green work over-alls, pink shirt and blue work jacket with bead pendant around his neck, Gregory explained he has extended his fast, which was supposed to end on Easter Sunday, to election day November 5. Besides his diet of liquids, the peace candidate said he will wear only work clothes, he will not shave or get a haircut nor will he buy a new car or purchase a pack of cigarettes until the war in Vietnam is ended.

"If you young people agree with me, just stop smoking and send an empty cigarette package to the manufacturer with

a short note saying you will not buy, and will encourage your friends not to buy, any more cigarettes until the war has ended. Then watch and see how much power you young people have," he said.

"Speaking of the power of young people in today's society, Gregory attributed it to making "that man (LBJ) quit his job."

Gregory said he has much concern for the burden of the young folk today.

"I wish you young people could make America as afraid of injustices as she is of communism . . . You youngsters must understand this country is sick. Black folks are saying we want you (white people) to stop playing games with us.

"We (black people) are trying to say to this country, just stop insulting us . . . White people have rights under the constitution of the United States but black people have rights under civil rights legislation. That's the same as segregation," he exclaimed.

Gregory made reference to the civil rights bill which President Johnson signed last week saying it only covers 80 per cent of open housing and does not come into full affect until 1970.

"If I were draft age then I would call my draft board right now and tell them you can't have me until 1970, and then you can only have 80 per cent," he said.

He said the same bill provides life in the penitentiary for killing a civil rights worker "and everyone here knows that, just means seven years in jail."

Gregory said the one good thing in the measure is the anti-riot clause. "All you cats who were talking about doing something after Dr. King's death are going to have to shut up now or go to jail."

"You young folks always will feel the pain of Dr. King's murder. Older Americans will feel the shame," Gregory said.

"This is a strange country with a strange atmosphere where men of peace can be hated and shot down in the streets while men of war like Gen. William Westmoreland are loved."

Gregory said it was hard to explain reaction in the black ghettos after King's assassination because "black people are ignorant and close to nature and black and whites don't think alike."

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"This country hasn't woke up yet. Everyone talks about Dr. King's non-violence but nobody wants to talk about his purpose which was equal justice. This is the same purpose the black militants have, the same purpose of H. Rap Brown and Stokley Carmichael, only their approach is different. Each one has his own method of trying to get equal justice," explained Gregory.

"Black soldiers enlist in the military five times more frequently than whites. This shows blacks love to kill for freedom... After you train this black cat to kill and use napalm then you expect him to come home and not kill you for the same type of freedom."

Gregory spoke of the inequities of our selective service system. He said it rejected men who had killed previously because the government preferred to train men how to kill, in other words the government does not want experienced men.

On the lighter side, Gregory talked about the recent medical advances in transplants.

"One thing I don't want is for white people to forget that black people also

need spare parts. However, what I don't want to see is a white cat with a black foot.

On the heart transplants... "there's nothing wrong with white folks that a change of heart wouldn't help."

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[REDACTED] University
of California at Davis, advised on April 26, 1968, that there
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speech made by Gregory.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (P)
SUBJECT: DEMCON
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Chicago File 157-2410
OO: Chicago

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RM
Chicago File 157-347
OO: Chicago

Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau dated
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aka, RM."

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11
copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. One
copy has been furnished the United States Attorney
and United States Secret Service, both Chicago, and
Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Chicago will follow and report all pertinent
information to the Bureau.

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219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604
April 16, 1968

DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE
DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION
AUGUST, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Dick Gregory, Negro entertainer, and civil rights activist, in a press conference on April 15, 1968, advised he was cancelling all previous arrangements to demonstrate against the Democratic National Convention scheduled for late August, 1968, in Chicago, Illinois.

Gregory stated that in view of the disturbances and violence which occurred in Chicago following the murder of Martin Luther King, he did not believe nonviolent marches could be held in Chicago. He also stated that as a citizen he did not want to be responsible for the possible death of anyone who might participate in such demonstrations.

An article in the "Chicago Tribune," a major Chicago Newspaper, dated April 16, 1968, cites that Dick Gregory called off plans for a civil rights protest here this summer and warned Negroes to "put aside emotionalism" arising from the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Continuing, Gregory said at his press conference which was held in the Knickerbocker Hotel "a peace march in the wake of frustration of Doctor King's

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

death could easily top off major rioting; I cannot be responsible for leading upset Negroes and whites thru this city."

Gregory originally notified Mayor Daley and the City Council that he was going to stage daily marches of 12 hours each beginning in May in protest against holding the Democratic Party's National Convention in Chicago, August 26, 1968. The marches were to be an effort to switch the convention to another city and "embarrass Chicago into improving housing and economic conditions for Negroes."

Gregory said "but the attitude of the Negro community must change before we can resume peaceful nonviolence in the name of human rights."

Gregory emphasized that white politicians must recognize the "despair of ghetto Negroes following the death of King."

"While little has been done to improve conditions here, it must be conceded" Gregory said "the attitude of police and fire departments has broadened considerably since the peak period of civil rights protests 18 months ago."

The article cited that Gregory considered the passage of the Federal open housing bill a "step in the right direction" which should be supplemented by renewed interest and economic assistance from the white business community. "Taking proper steps at the proper time can do much to ease tensions and eliminate hostilities."

He said he notified numerous civil rights organizations across the country to "stay away from Chicago this summer and work rationally, not emotionally, for civil rights." He said that only a tightly controlled well-organized group could handle a peace march here without bloodshed.

RE: DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

He said he would march peacefully in organized protests planned here by the Southern Christian Leadership conference "but I cannot in good conscience lead them." Gregory also said "I used to demonstrate emotionally and it worked but I am afraid of that now."

Gregory described his chances for election as a write-in candidate for president as "about equal to the chances for becoming Pope."

Gregory indicated that he would continue campaigning and urging white leaders to pursue "statesmanlike-unpolitical" policies towards minorities. He will continue an all-liquid diet begun last November in protest against the war in Viet Nam until the November elections.

He said "My purpose is to demonstrate the kind of dedication and self-sacrifice needed to preserve our democracy."

One copy of the letterhead memorandum has been furnished the United States Attorney, Chicago; United States Secret Service, Chicago; and Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA *Racial Matter* RM 00: CHICAGO

DICK GREGORY, NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST,
IN PRESS CONFERENCE INSTANT DATE STATED HE IS HEREBY CANCEL-
LING ALL PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE DEMO-
CRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULED LATE AUGUST NEXT IN CHICAGO.

GREGORY STATED IN VIEW OF DISTURBANCES AND VIOLENCE WHICH
OCCURED IN CHICAGO FOLLOWING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING
HE DID NOT BELIEVE NON VIOLENT MARCHES COULD BE HELD IN
CHICAGO. ALSO STATED AS CITIZEN HE DID NOT WANT TO BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR POSSIBLE DEATH OF ANYONE WHO MIGHT HAVE
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Attention: Domestic Intelligence Division

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau dated 4/27/68.

On 4/29/68, Captain [] Huntington, W. Va., Police Department, advised that RICHARD GREGORY appeared as scheduled at Marshall University, Huntington, W.Va., on 4/27/68.

Captain [] advised that GREGORY's speech was recorded on a tape recorder and that he could make available a copy of the transcription when it is transcribed. Captain [] stated GREGORY's appearance did not produce any demonstrations or violence of any kind at Huntington.

On 5/2/68, and 5/6/68, Captain [] advised that GREGORY's speech had not yet been transcribed, but he would attempt to have it transcribed within the next few days.

Pittsburgh will maintain contact with Captain [] and obtain the transcription of the speech of GREGORY when available.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-775) 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

SOURCE SHOWN TO BE RELIABLE IN PAST ADVISED GREGORY SPOKE
MONMOUTH COLLEGE, MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS, MAY SEVEN LAST, TO AN
AUDIENCE OF SEVEN TO EIGHT HUNDRED, MOSTLY COLLEGE STUDENTS.
GREGORY'S SPEECH WAS WITHOUT INCIDENT. NO ARRESTS OR DISTURBANCES
OCCURRED. SPONSORED BY STUDENT CONVOCATION LECTURE SERIES -
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. GREGORY DISCOURAGED VIOLENCE AND ENCOURAGED
ECONOMIC BOYCOTT.

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ATTENTION:
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☐ GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

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Enclosed for Bureau are original and 10 copies of LHM suitable for dissemination. Also enclosed are 2 copies FD-376. Enclosed for Chicago are 2 copies above-mentioned LHM.

Source mentioned in LHM is _____ (protect identity) former _____ presently _____
 _____ Ill. _____ attended GREGORY's speech on 5-7-68 and furnished his notes to SA _____ on 5-8-68. REC-108

Copies of LHM furnished local Secret Service and OSI, Chanute AFB, Ill.; 1134 MI Group, Evanston, Ill. and NIC, Chicago, Illinois. MAY 10 1968

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☐ No further action being taken and JRR:blw (7)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
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May 8, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Springfield, Illinois

May 8, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
also known as
Dick Gregory

On May 7, 1968, RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY spoke at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, in conjunction with the Student Convocation Lecture Series - 1968.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that GREGORY spoke in the college gymnasium and that 700 - 800 people attended. The source advised that there were between 25 - 50 Negroes present and that there were few, if any, outsiders present.

Source advised there was no disorder of any type and the speech was humorous, but lacking in depth. The general text was based on the effect college students can have on the economy in their prospective influence as leaders. GREGORY stated students could best demonstrate against the war in Vietnam, not by carrying signs, but by economic effects such as (1) stop smoking so taxes will not go to the Government; (2) stop buying clothes; (3) stop buying new cars; (4) don't buy products of the Dow Chemical Company; and (5) stop shaving.

GREGORY made no threats and did not encourage rioting, but said that July and August is the riot season. GREGORY's statement was not militant as indicated when he stated that he had planned to be in Chicago for the National Convention, but now has changed his plans. GREGORY stated that if the U. S. would live by the Constitution

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and the Bill of Rights, communism would be defeated, and that there would be no race problem.

Chief of Police, HAROLD TINDER, Monmouth Police Department, Monmouth, Illinois, advised there was no problem in conjunction with GREGORY's speech, and that he had his entire Department available in the event of any problem.

TINDER advised that officers were utilized to direct traffic and this was the extent of their utilization.

U. S. Secret Service and 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois, advised of above information.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/7/68

Attached relates to speech made by Dick Gregory, humorist, at Lebanon, Illinois, 5/7/68.

Pertinent parts of attached to be furnished interested Divisions of Department, Secret Service, military, and other interested agencies.

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725PM URGENT 5-7-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-775) 3PP

Also Known As

↑ RACIAL MATTER

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM.

ON MAY SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, [REDACTED] CRIME SECTION,
ILLINOIS STATE POLICE, DISTRICT ELEVEN, MARYVILLE, ILLINOIS,
FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON THE MORNING OF MAY SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, DICK GREGORY,
HUMORIST AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, SPOKE
FOR TWO HOURS AT MC KENDREE COLLEGE, LEBANON, ILLINOIS. HIS
AUDIENCE OF ABOUT TWO HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE PERSONS WERE LARGELY
COLLEGE STUDENTS WHICH INCLUDED ABOUT TWENTYFIVE NEGROES. THERE
WERE NO DISTURBANCES AND NO ARRESTS WERE MADE.

GREGORY'S SPEECH CONSISTED OF A HUMORIST - NON-VIOLENT APPEAL
TO WHITE PEOPLE TO GRANT EQUAL RIGHTS AND RECOGNITION TO NEGROES.

GREGORY INDICATED THAT IF THE WHITE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY
WERE IN THE SAME POSITION AS THE NEGROES ARE IN NOW, THEY WOULD
WOULD REVOLT IN THE SAME WAY THEY DID AGAINST THE BRITISH IN

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THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR. THE REVOLUTIONARY QUOTATIONS BEING USED CURRENTLY BY STOKELY CARMICHAEL AND RAP BROWN WERE NOT INVENTED BY THEM, BUT ARE QUOTATIONS FROM THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY.

GREGORY INDICATED SYMPATHY FOR THE YOUNG MEN WHO TRIED TO AVOID FIGHTING IN THE IMMORAL VIET NAM WAR. GREGORY SAID HE HAS MORE ADMIRATION FOR CASSIUS CLAY, WHO IS ATTEMPTING TO AVOID THE WAR BY FIGHTING IN THE U.S. COURTS THAN HE HAS FOR THE MANY THOUSANDS OF WHITE BOYS WHO ARE AVOIDING THE WAR BY FLEEING TO CANADA.

GREGORY SAID RE-ENLISTMENTS IN THE U.S. ARMY ARE RUNNING ABOUT FIVE NEGROES TO ONE WHITE. GREGORY SAID THE WHITES ARE TEACHING THE BLACKS TO KILL IN VIET NAM AND MANY OF THOSE BLACKS WHO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO BE KILLERS. GREGORY STATED THAT THE WHITE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE GENERALLY ATTRIBUTED THE RISE IN CRIME IN THE UNITED STATES TO NEGROES BUT GREGORY FEELS THAT MORE ATTENTION

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SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO WIPING OUT THE WHITE ORGANIZED CRIME SYNDICATES IN THE U.S.

GREGORY INDICATED THAT HE FEELS THAT IF PERSONS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE ARE OLD ENOUGH TO FIGHT IN VIET NAM THAT THE VOTING AGE SHOULD BE LOWERED TO EIGHTEEN. GREGORY STATED HE IS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SO THAT THE VOTERS WILL HAVE A CHOICE. HE SAID THAT BARRY GOLDWATER HAD LOST THE LAST ELECTION BECAUSE HE TOLD THE TRUTH AND THAT THE STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE FOOLED BY BOBBY KENNEDY IN THIS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

ATTORNEY EASTERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
USA, EBF, EAST ST. LOUIS; MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS AND SECRET SERVICE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI ADVISED OF FOREGOING.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE SPRINGFIELD AIRTEL MAY TWO SIXTYEIGHT.

MEMO
LHM FOLLOWS. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION RE GREGORY'S MAY SIX SIXTYEIGHT APPEARANCE AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS. P.

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ATTENTION:

From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-775) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka
Dick Gregory
RM

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Summary of Complaint:

Forwarded herewith are the original and 10 copies of a LHM captioned as above setting forth investigation conducted by SA JOHN W. LEWIS. Also enclosed are 2 copies of an FD-376.

Copies of the LHM have been disseminated to USA, EDI, East St. Louis, Illinois; Secret Service, St. Louis, Missouri; OSI, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois; MI, Evanston, Illinois and NIS, Chicago, Illinois.

The Bureau will be advised of any pertinent developments.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Director
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Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

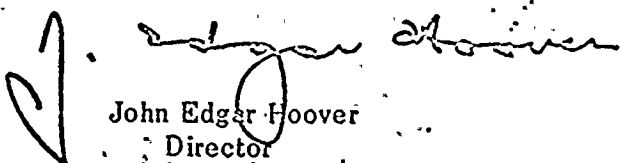
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Springfield, Illinois
May 2, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka
Dick Gregory

The May 1, 1968, issue of "Belleville News Democrat," a Belleville, Illinois daily newspaper, carried an item reflecting that DICK GREGORY, comedian and civil rights activist, will speak at McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois, at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, May 7, 1968. GREGORY will address himself to racial problems in the United States.

No violence is anticipated.

The foregoing information has been furnished to the Lebanon, Illinois Police Department; St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, United States Attorney, East St. Louis, Illinois; Secret Service, St. Louis, Missouri, and Military Intelligence, St. Louis, Missouri.

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TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK (157-892) 1P

SPEECH BY DICK GREGORY AT MELBANK CHAPEL,

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT,
RM.

DETECTIVE [REDACTED] BSS, NYCPD, ADVISED INSTANT

DATE, THAT COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY ARRIVED AT MELBANK
CHAPEL, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH
AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NYC, AT NINE FIFTY FIVE PM
WHERE PLAY WAS IN PROGRESS. PLAY WAS STOPPED AND
GREGORY ADDRESSED THE THREE HUNDRED PRESENT,
STATING HE WAS IN SYMPATHY WITH STUDENT STRIKE
AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. NO ARRESTS OR INCIDENTS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5865) (RUC)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau 4/27/68, and New York teletype to Bureau 4/29/68.

Enclosed for Bureau are 11 copies of LHM regarding captioned matter, copies being disseminated locally to military intelligence and Secret Service.

Information copies being designated for New York and WFO in view of their interest.

Contact with [redacted] and Lt. [redacted] handled by SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON. Inquiries at Lumberton, N. C., and contact with Lt. Col. [redacted] handled by SA [redacted]. Contact with Secret Service, Charlotte, N. C., handled by SA [redacted].

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Charlotte, North Carolina

May 6, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also
known as Dick Gregory
RACIAL MATTERS

On April 29, 1968, [redacted] Security Officer, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, North Carolina, advised captioned individual had been invited to speak at the college by the Christianity and Culture Department of the college. The speech was scheduled to be from 9:00 A. M., to 11:00 A. M., April 29, 1968.

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According to [redacted] GREGORY arrived via private chartered airplane, arriving at the Lumberton, North Carolina, Municipal Airport early on April 29, 1968, and arrived at Laurinburg by automobile.

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Lieutenant [redacted], Laurinburg, North Carolina, Police Department, advised on April 29, 1968, that GREGORY appeared at St. Andrews College as scheduled and made a speech from a portable rostrum set up in front of the library building on campus. There were approximately 200 people present, including some Negro students from Laurinburg Institute, a predominantly private Negro school at Laurinburg, North Carolina. The speech was made outside and the students mingled around the speaker.

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GREGORY's speech was humorous and consisted of many jokes. His theme seemed to be to ridicule the white race and the white people in general. He spoke of the Negro race as

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RACIAL MATTERS

being a minority group and he spent considerable time explaining the reason why the Negro race should be equal to the white race. He did not encourage violence or riots but advocated that he was against any type of violence.

GREGORY's speech commenced at approximately 9:25 A.M., and terminated at 11:00 A. M., April 29, 1968. He departed the St. Andrews College campus at approximately 12:05 P. M., April 29, 1968, for Lumberton, North Carolina.

Lieutenant [] stated there were no unusual incidents during GREGORY's appearance on the St. Andrews campus or in the Laurinburg area as a result of his appearance.

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Inquiries at the Lumberton, North Carolina, Municipal Airport disclosed that GREGORY arrived by a chartered Astec aircraft bearing Number 5977 Y from Washington, D. C., at 8:40 A. M., April 29, 1968, and he departed in the same aircraft for Washington, D. C., at 1:15 P. M., April 29, 1968.

Information concerning GREGORY's appearance was furnished to appropriate state and local authorities, military intelligence and Secret Service agencies.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-775)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
Dick Gregory
Speech on 5/6/68
Charleston, Illinois
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Officials of Eastern Illinois University made available a complete tape recording of GREGORY's speech, contents of which will be furnished at a later date.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
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May 7, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois

May 7, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
ALSO KNOWN AS
DICK GREGORY
SPEECH ON MAY 6, 1968
CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS

✓ [redacted] Security Officer, Eastern Illinois University (EIU), Charleston, Illinois, advised on May 7, 1968, that Gregory spoke on the subject of civil rights - black power, from 8:10 P.M. till 10:00 P.M. on May 6, 1968, to an audience of about 2200 students and residents of the local community in the Lantz Gymnasium on the EIU Campus.

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Prior to Gregory's speech; Dr. Quincy V. Doundna, President of EIU, announced to the audience that there had been an anonymous phone call received that evening, concerning a bomb in the building. Doundna expressed his disbelief that a bomb was planted and stated he was going to stay and hear the speech. The event continued without further incident.

In his speech, Gregory referred to himself as a "36 year old Uncle Tom Nigger". In commenting on the war in Viet Nam, Gregory stated "any black cat who goes to war for America got to be crazy to free some foreign people when their mommy and papa haven't yet been liberated". He expressed opposition to the new civil rights legislation stating that the Civil Rights Bill was "good only for 80% and not until 1970".

After the speech, Gregory informally spoke to a small group of students, mostly colored, in the lounge of the Lantz Gymnasium and left Charleston, Illinois, about 12:05 A.M. There were no racial demonstrations of any kind.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of an LHM reflecting investigation conducted by the NYO regarding captioned subject. Two (2) copies of this LHM are enclosed for Chicago.

Confidential source is [REDACTED]

This LHM is being classified "~~Confidential~~" because of information furnished by [REDACTED] the unauthorized disclosure of which could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests.

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New York, New York
May 13, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Richard Claxton Gregory

On May 9, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a "Salute to Dick Gregory", negro comedian, will be held at Fillmore Theatre, New York City, on June 2, 1968. This source stated that he believes that the purpose of this program is to raise money for Gregory, since it is rumored that Gregory is some \$40,000.00 in debt. This source stated that the following persons are among the members of the committee sponsoring this program:

1. [redacted] of the Village Gate Night Club, New York City.
2. Ossie Davis, Hollywood movie star.

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3. Sidney Portier, Hollywood movie star.
4. Sugar Ray Robinson, former professional boxing champion.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-217) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: Chicago

DATE: May 16, 1968

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated [redacted] enclosing letterhead memorandum setting forth subject's itinerary. b7D

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are thirteen copies of letterhead memorandum regarding GREGORY's appearance at University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, on 5/3/68. Two copies of letterhead memorandum enclosed for Chicago.

For the information of Chicago, recordings were made of GREGORY's comments at Cedar Falls, Iowa, on 5/3/68, and are available for office of origin, if desired.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Omaha, Nebraska
May 16, 1968

Richard Claxton Gregory

The April 30, 1968, issue of "Northern Iowan," student newspaper at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI), Cedar Falls, Iowa, carried an article on page five, stating Dick Gregory is scheduled to speak in the gymnasium on Friday, May 3, 1968. The article describes Gregory as "the man most hated by the Ku Klux Klan," and said he would be a speaker on the Controversial Speakers Program of UNI.

On May 6, 1968, [redacted] Security Office, UNI, stated he had been with Dick Gregory at the Controversial Speakers Program on May 3, 1968. He said he would estimate about 4,500 to 5,000 persons attended Gregory's talk, and said no incidents occurred, nor was there any problem arising from Gregory's remarks or presence at UNI.

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He said a number of Negro residents from Waterloo, Iowa, located adjacent to Cedar Falls, Iowa, had attended the talk in the gymnasium, which was held from about 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, May 3, 1968. He said that Waterloo Negroes had invited Gregory to attend a luncheon and give a short talk in Waterloo, and tried to make arrangements with Gregory for this second appearance before Gregory arrived in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Gregory reportedly declined to make a second appearance at Waterloo, unless the group wished to pay him \$1,000.00 for that appearance and talk.

[redacted] said Gregory arrived in Cedar Falls, Iowa, by automobile, and is believed to have been driven from Mankato, Minnesota, to Iowa. He left the Cedar Falls - Waterloo area on May 3, 1968, in mid-afternoon by Ozark Air Lines en-route to Chicago, Illinois, and his home.

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[redacted] stated that the "Northern Iowan" newspaper at UNI, issue of May 7, 1968, carried a long article on Gregory's comments on May 3, 1968. He said that the newspaper article is an accurate summary of Gregory's comments during his talk at UNI.

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Richard Claxton Gregory

Page Two

Attached hereto are pertinent pages of "Northern Iowan" UNI student newspaper, issue of May 7, 1968, carrying the information on Gregory's talk.

Over 5,000 Hear Gregory Criticize LBJ, Rights Bill

by IOWAN Staff Writer

More than 5,000 persons Friday jammed the inside, corridors and area in front of the Men's Gym where speakers had been set up to hear the comedian and civil rights leader Dick Gregory criticize the new Civil Rights Bill, LBJ and American white society in general.

The over-capacity crowd consisted primarily of UNI students and faculty with a number of people from the Waterloo-Cedar Falls community including a large delegation from Waterloo's East High, a predominately Negro school.

Prior to Gregory's speech, Dr. Edward Thorne, head of the speech department and a member of the Controversial Speakers Committee, told the audience that committee chairman Jim Heller would be absent from the talk because he was being detained by the Armed Forces Induction Center in Des Moines "because he is a member of the Controversial Speakers Committee." (S. 17 leafletory).

DWIGHT BACKMAN, jr., in speech, introduced Gregory as his "black beautiful brother" and said that a 10-minute conversation with Gregory would end the racial strife in the country.

The bearded Gregory had just finished a 47-day fast in protest of the Vietnam war. In his two-hour talk interspersed with humor to emphasize his points, Gregory told the audience other ways in which he protested included wearing only work clothes, in order to stifle the clothing industry; not smoking (saying taxes from cigarettes go for buying weapons and bombs); refusing to be shaved or get a haircut, thus rattling the barbers of the country; and refusing to buy many other American products.

An attache case on the stage next to Gregory's chair carried a sticker proclaiming "Dick Gregory For President." Gregory has announced himself as an independent candidate for the presidency.

He TOLD THE audience a common question he had come across in his lecturing was "What would be the first thing you would do if you were elected president?" He simply said that he would "paint the White House black" and then "bring the soldiers

back home from Vietnam after sending LBJ over there with a barbeque gun!"

In a most serious manner he told the audience that the present educational system is "anemic" whites as well as blacks. "The corruption of the system has gotten to the black people, but now with such things as the new draft law prohibiting graduate deferments, it is getting white students, too," he said.

"THE MAJOR problems confronting Americans today can only be solved by you, the young people," Gregory told students.

The older generation made the problems and then passed the

burden to the younger generation for their sins."

"Moral pollution is the country's greatest problem and young

people must clean it up for the future." Gregory said. "I told the students."

"I hope you are all strong young men and women student leaders in the time to come."

He said that the major problem of America's future is "the spending of 35 billion dollars, but creating an atmosphere of fear by freeing the nuclear bomb

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"THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL is a new form of segregation," comedian Dick Gregory told an audience of 5,000 Friday.

ed Forces Induction Center in Des Moines

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in this country so black people trust the whites."

The problems could be solved "if politicians would obey their oaths of office and uphold the Constitution," Gregory pointed out.

Concerning the new Civil Rights Bill, he explained that he felt it was a bit unfair in idea. "The whites get judged under the Constitution while blacks have to be judged under Civil Rights legislation."

"We don't want the Civil Rights bill—we want civil rights under the same sheet of paper we pay our taxes—under the same one black boys are drafted," Gregory said.

"THE CIVIL RIGHTS Bill is just a new form of segregation. We don't want a graded segregation. We're fighting for liberation and an end to segregation. That's what we're going to get."

Gregory went on to say, "I think the black cat is insane to go to war, after the Civil Rights Bill was passed I would have to call the War Department and say, 'Don't call me 'til 1970 and then call only 80 percent of me.'"

Gregory refers to similar stipulations in the recently passed bill.

TOUCHING BRIEFLY on the area of housing, Gregory asked, "Why should a Negro go to Vietnam to free the Vietnamese from tyranny and give them a new home when back home he him-

self won't be able to get a home except on some long, complicated installment plan?"

Gregory also expressed the opinion that he felt the anti-riot legislation in the bill to be "ridiculous" since all it accomplishes is to prohibit anyone from talking about riots.

"The way to do it now," he said, "is not to talk about it, but just go out and do it."

He said the anti-riot sections do not eliminate persons who incite riots but merely push them underground, and indicated that there persons are much more dangerous underground.

"WHITE KIDS HAVE been going to Fort Lauderdale, tearing up the town every year for ten years. Better not try it now," he said, pointing out that the anti-riot bill now covered such things.

Gregory expressed the feeling that "America is a country prone to killing." He cited the assassination of Martin Luther King as "an American killed by an American," and told students particularly that what happened to Dr. King affected them more than it did the older generation.

"You feel the pain," he said. "Older folks only feel shame."

Gregory criticized the current government and administration under Lyndon Johnson severely throughout his speech.

"IF OUR DEMOCRACY is as good as they tell us it is, why are we running all over the world

trying to force it down people's throats with guns? If we make it work right, they'll steal it from us."

Gregory admitted being non-violent and made a humorous apology for Negro reaction and behavior after the assassination of Dr. King.

"They know the accepted riot season is July to August," he said.

Gregory also mentioned the high re-enlistment rate in the Armed Forces among Negroes and deplored the fact that the government was teaching them to kill.

"YOU BETTER teach the police—they need a lot more training. It is one thing to deal with a 13-year-old throwing fire bombs at a tank and quite another to deal with a trained killer who comes back from Vietnam, an expert sniper at 500 yards."

Gregory said that Dr. King did not die for non-violence as most news media have said he did.

"He died for equal justice for all," Gregory said. "Non-violence was only his method."

GREGORY TOLD the audience that the Negro is "tired of playing games."

"Crime in the streets, which all the politicians say they are going to eliminate, actually refers to the Negro."

"Why not knock out the white crime syndicate. That would be an accomplishment!"

The way things are today, Gregory said, "I would just as soon live under a dictatorship with whites and blacks both together underground singing 'We Shall Overcome.'"

"Twenty or thirty years ago the Negro had a hungry stomach and didn't want to learn except how to fill himself. Today he has a hungry mind and wants to get his share of knowledge."

GREGORY CONCLUDED by saying that the mistake arose when everyone was so busy learning how to make a living, that they forgot to find out how to live.

The former nightclub and television entertainer was the fourth person to appear in this year's Controversial Speakers Series.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: May 20, 1968

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RM
OO: CG

Re Seattle letter and LHM 4/25/68 and Bureau letter to Chicago 5/13/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for the Chicago Office two copies of an LHM containing information supplementary to that in relet and LHM. Copies of this LHM are being disseminated locally to United States Secret Service by FD-376 and to MIG, NISO, and OSI by FD-342.

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At Olympia, Washington

Will follow developments with respect to the sentence pending with respect to subject in Washington State courts and keep the Bureau and office of origin advised in that connection.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
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May 20, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220.

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure ☒ 1)
U. S. Secret Service, Seattle

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington

May 20, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The information herein supplements that contained in the memorandum under this caption dated April 25, 1968, at Seattle.

On May 14, 1968, [REDACTED], Assistant Thurston County Prosecutor, Olympia, Washington, advised that GREGORY's attorney has filed a petition for a rehearing by the Washington State Supreme Court of the sentence outstanding against subject which the Supreme Court earlier had affirmed and which was scheduled to begin on May 20, 1968. [REDACTED] said this action will delay the start of subject's sentence until action on the new petition is taken by the Supreme Court. No tentative date for this has as yet been set.

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An article titled "Black Power Leaders May Visit for GREGORY Sit-In," in the May 10, 1968, issue of "The Bremerton Sun," a daily newspaper of general circulation published at Bremerton, Washington, quoted JACK TANNER, identified as subject's attorney, as stating:

"Black Power advocates H. RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL and the Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY just may show up in Washington State in a protest demonstration against the jailing of Negro DICK GREGORY.

"He knows them all and I wouldn't be surprised if they weren't included in demonstrations that are being planned," GREGORY's lawyer, JACK TANNER of Tacoma, said here yesterday....

"TANNER has petitioned for a rehearing of the case but did not express much hope it would be granted....

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"In the meantime demonstrations are planned, TANNER said, by members of the Peace and Freedom movement, of which GREGORY is to be the presidential candidate this year.

"I understand they have already sent telegrams around the country urging a boycott of Washington products, apples and Rainier and Olympia Beer, he said.

"The Peace and Freedom movement is no small thing, he said. There are 106,000 registered members in California alone.

"Delegations are going to come up and help him serve time, stay with in sympathy, TANNER said.

"And knowing how GREGORY's friends BROWN, CARMICHAEL and the Rev. Mr. ABERNATHY operate, he said, he expects them to sit-in.

"As for the case, it does not make any sense to him GREGORY could be convicted of violation of fishing laws when he contends that any fish he handled were dead. They were cold storage fish, so how could somebody be convicted of catching a dead fish?"

A characterization of the
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Dick Gregory
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OO: CHICAGO

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM concerning this matter. Two copies of the LHM are enclosed for the Chicago Division.

The source referred to in the LHM is [redacted] (U)

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Minneapolis, Minnesota
May 17, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on May 13, 1968 Richard Gregory would speak at the Student Center, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota on the night of May 13, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

This source advised on May 14, 1968 that he attended the talk by Gregory which was attended by an estimated 1400 to 1500 people, mostly students at the University of North Dakota. The audience consisted predominantly of white students. There were no incidents as a result of the speech. He advised that an account of the speech in the Grand Forks Herald, a daily newspaper published at Grand Forks, North Dakota, summed up the speech by Gregory. Source stated that Gregory remained in Grand Forks overnight and left via Northwest Airlines at approximately 7:00 a.m. May 14, 1968. It is noted a Northwest Orient Airlines flight schedule shows they have a plane leaving Grand Forks, North Dakota at 7:25 a.m. for Fargo, North Dakota and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The article appearing in the Grand Forks Herald in its issue of May 14, 1968, is as follows:

"Gregory Hits N.D. Politicians

"Negro comedian and civil rights worker Dick Gregory Monday night blasted the actions of some North Dakota politicians who have attempted to keep American Communist Party boss Gus Hall from speaking at the University of North Dakota.

"Gregory addressed an overflow crowd of 1,400 in the University Center ballroom and almost immediately became involved in the statewide controversy concerning Hall and the question of his scheduled speaking engagement.

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"Talks on Freedom

"Gregory talked about freedom of expression in the U.S. Constitution.

"'You kids are getting it first hand here,' he said. 'You tell those old fools (some state politicians) that they better do what the Constitution says. Even a communist can speak here,' Gregory said.

"'Why do we have to go around shoving democracy down people's throats?'

"He talked about the plight of the Indian in America and the Indian in North Dakota, pointing out that the highest suicide rate in the nation among the young occurs on Indian reservations. So does the highest rate of tuberculosis, he added.

"Given Standing Ovation

"'If the Indians could upset the politicians as much as Gus Hall did, the Indians would be in good shape,' shouted Gregory. A standing ovation followed.

"Gregory estimated that he spends 98 per cent of his time on college campuses.

"'If we solve the great problems in our country,' he said 'we'll solve them through you. You must solve problems you didn't even create . . . they won't be here when you leave.'

"Says He's Non-violent

"Gregory called the civil rights bill just part of the game 'white America' has been playing with the Negro for 400 years, and 'now we are going to stop playing this game,' he said.

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"He asked the audience why they thought Negroes should be non-violent.

"'I'm non-violent,' he said, 'but I'd be out of my mind to go around preaching it in a country where Matt Dillon comes into the room every week.'

"Some of his other comments were:

"--'The biggest breakthrough in the civil rights was in Texas last year. We got our first colored hurricane - Beulah.'

"--'The only heart transplant now working is a black heart. . .but we don't want it to work too good. The last thing we want is you white folks thinkin' we're going to be your spare parts.'

"--'The first thing I would do if elected president would be to bring all the boys home from Vietnam and send LBJ with nothing but his barbecue gun. And I'd have Eartha Kitt call him every morning saying 'We're working on peace feelers, baby.'"

"--'If the problems here are not solved in three years, America will not stand.'

"--'We don't want you to do a damn thing but get out of the way of that United States Constitution. We don't want integration, we want liberation.'

"--'Progress is Americans getting killed by Americans. I'd much rather see American cities go up in flames than bomb cities around the world . . .maybe then they'd wake up.'

"--'We never draft murderers into going to Vietnam. You've got to be a good Christian to make the best killer.'

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"--'When we see that the Constitution works right, that's the day we can bring our guns home.'

"--LBJ is the biggest tyrant to walk the face of the earth since Julius Caesar.'

"--'Those black athletes should have qualified for the Olympic team, gone to Mexico City and then dropped the baton.'

"--'First you have to create an atmosphere for Negroes to be able to live and cut all those cats loose. If you don't do that, you can take that \$80 billion appropriation and buy the biggest guns you can find cause you're going to need them'".

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Date: May 17, 1968

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
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A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past recently advised that Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory, a nationally known comedian, entertainer and a civil rights activist

[Redacted]

The purpose of [Redacted] a Negro movement directed against the Democratic National Convention scheduled to be held in Chicago, Illinois, during August, 1968. Gregory has since made public statements that he will not participate in any movement against the convention.

In view of this Bureau's continuing interest in the foreign influence factor in the Black Nationalist Movement, any information concerning [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Further, so that the foreign support may be more specifically established, this Bureau would be interested in knowing the origin of the [Redacted] and any guidance or direction being afforded concerning these [Redacted]

- 2 - Chicago (157-347)
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The [redacted] has been furnished the above information and is contacting the appropriate security services to receive any pertinent information they may develop. (S)

NOTE FOR SAC, CHICAGO:

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Reference is made to your airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 3/1/68 under the Gregory caption. These communications furnished data that your source obtained the information concerning the above referred to [redacted] and that this same source was [redacted] Gregory during [redacted] and [redacted]. You should follow the matter [redacted] Gregory very closely reporting all pertinent data in this regard to the Bureau by letterhead memorandum. (S) (U)

NOTE FOR [redacted] (S) (U)

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated 3/8/68 under the Gregory caption which relates to this matter. This communication is being furnished to you for your information.

NOTE:

Gregory is included in the [redacted] Agitator Index. He is a nationally known comedian and a civil rights activist. Information has been received from our Chicago Office that Gregory stated that he received [redacted]

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[redacted] has been advised of this matter and is attempting to develop information concerning [redacted]. It is felt, however, that a communication should be written to CIA specifically requesting any information concerning this matter. This communication is classified "~~CONFIDENTIAL~~" inasmuch as its contents may reveal the identity of a source of continuing value which would be detrimental to the best interests of U.S. (S)

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OO: Chicago

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) re GREGORY. Information copy is being sent Springfield.

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LHM is being furnished USA, Secret Service, Chicago, and 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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Activities of GREGORY continue to be followed and Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On May 10, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that Gregory's comments in a May 9, 1968, speech at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois, concerning riots in major cities throughout the United States which will occur on election day in this coming November, tie in with previous private comments of Gregory in which Gregory has stated that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Source related that Gregory claims that [REDACTED]

According to source, it would appear that Gregory [REDACTED]

Source stated that since Gregory [REDACTED]

Source stated that [REDACTED]

In addition, source reported that Gregory claims that [REDACTED]

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Copies of this memorandum are being furnished
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

ARTICLE APPEARING IN "CHICAGO SUN TIMES", MAJOR CHICAGO
DAILY NEWSPAPER, ON MAY TWENTYONE, INSTANT, REFLECTS DICK
GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY MAY TWENTYONE INSTANT.
PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO MEET WITH EDITORS OF "TIME" MAGAZINE
AND EXPLAIN HIS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

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NEW YORK DIVISION WILL ALERT SOURCES TO GREGORY'S
APPEARANCE AND AFFORD COVERAGE ACCORDING TO OUTSTANDING
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : *fly* SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1316) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RM

00: Chicago

DATE: 5-27-68

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Re Chicago let 1-17-68, Chicago airtel 2-6-68
and Cleveland airtels dated 3-29-68 and 4-2-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a
letterhead memorandum regarding appearances of captioned
subject at Bowling Green State University, Defiance College,
University of Toledo and Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio.
Two copies are enclosed for Chicago.

As previously indicated all of subject's appearances
proceeded without incident and nothing of pertinence came
out of his appearances at the above four schools with the
exception of the data contained in Cleveland airtel dated
April 2, 1968, about plans to demonstrate at the Democratic
convention in Chicago which is also included in the letter-
head memorandum.

The source mentioned in letterhead memorandum is



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The following article appeared in "The B-G News", Bowling Green State University (BGSU), Bowling Green, Ohio, student newspaper, issue dated January 19, 1968:

Dick Gregory, comedian and military leader, will speak from 8 to 9 p.m., February 20 in the Grand Ballroom. His speech during the first half hour will be a comedy reflection the racial situation. The second half hour will be more serious, as Mr. Gregory will speak on advocating black power.

At Yale University in a speech similar to the one he plans to give at the University, Mr. Gregory received a standing ovation.

After appearing at the University of Florida at Gainesville, a student said, "Dick Gregory was good. I was expecially impressed with his cordiality towards us."

At Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, students said, "Dick Gregory is an outstanding performer. The speech was both interesting and informative and was ended with a standing ovation. Every aspect of his visit was enjoyable. It was a pleasure to have him visit our campus."

Dick Gregory is a commentator, an author and a comedian. In addition to being a leader in the Negro fight for equality, he has appeared on the stage, on television and in motion pictures. He has made national as well as international tours, and is presently touring the country visiting college campuses.

On February 21, 1968, [redacted] BGSU advised that Richard C. Gregory had appeared at BGSU the previous evening under the auspices of a student body organization before an audience of approximately 1200 people. [redacted] stated that the

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audience was almost all white and Gregory stayed with comedy almost entirely throughout the program and gave very little serious discussion on black power, although his talk was previously advertised as being half comedy and half a serious discussion on black power. He advised that the program went quietly with no incidents.

On February 23, 1968, Donald Brechler, Chief of Police, Defiance, Ohio, advised that Richard Claxton Gregory spoke before a small almost all-white audience at Defiance College on the evening of February 21, 1968. He stated that Gregory made jokes about the Vietnam war, the selective service system and government operations in general, but gave no serious discussions about black power. Chief Brechler stated there were no incidents of any nature connected with the visit of Gregory.

On March 27, 1968, [redacted] University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio, advised that Richard Gregory spoke there before an audience of approximately 3000 persons, mostly students the night of March 26, 1968, without incident.

The following article appeared in "The Times", Toledo Ohio daily newspaper on March 27, 1968:

Negro comedian Dick Gregory, sporting a beard and a blue denim work jacket, urged University of Toledo students Tuesday night to stop smoking and buying new cars in an effort to halt the Vietnam war.

"By doing this you will avoid payment of taxes" which finance the conflict, Gregory told a student group.

Gregory, in the 28th day of a 40-day fast to protest the war, also said the Government is being embarrassed by students who are protesting inadequate draft laws.

He said the recent lifting of deferments for some graduate students and other young persons was proof of this.

"You young white kids are so honest and embarrassing to the country that they are fixing to give you all to the Viet Cong," he said.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

He added that the fate of the country rests in the hands of today's youth.

"Youth can save this country if it hasn't already gone beyond the point of no return morally," he concluded.

On March 27, 1968, a Confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that several members of the Peace Action Council of Toledo a local group engaged in opposing the war in Vietnam had planned to hold a small reception for Gregory following his appearance at the University of Toledo, but their plans failed to materialize and the reception was never held. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On May 6, 1968

[redacted] Ohio, a [redacted] Ohio, advised that he was present on the night of May 4, 1968, at Seiberling Gymnasium on the Heidelberg Campus when Richard C. Gregory, a Negro comedian was the principle speaker before approximately 300 students and local citizens. Also appearing with Gregory was the Mitchell Negro Trio, a vocal group. Gregory was introduced by a Negro student from Heidelberg College.

According to [redacted] Gregory's appearance was before an almost all white audience, and was without incident. There was no serious discussion of Black Power by the subject, and the subject poked jokes at the CIA and the Government in general.

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 From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-775) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.
 Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka
Dick Gregory
Speech on May 20, 1968
At Galesburg, Illinois (OO: CG)

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Forwarded herewith are the original and 10 copies of a LHM captioned as above, setting forth investigation conducted by SA [redacted]. Also enclosed are 2 copies of an FD-376. Enclosed for Chicago are 2 copies LHM.

Copies of the LHM have been disseminated to USA, SDI Springfield, Illinois; Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois; OSI, Chanute AFB, Illinois; MI, Evanston, Illinois and NIS, Chicago, Illinois.

1 - Bureau (100-440423) (Encs. 13) (RM) 2 - Chicago (Encs. 2)
 4 - SI (157-775) (1:157-298) - SS(50), OSI, ACST (157-347)
 (1:66-1967) Copy to ISD, IDIU 100-440423-302

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ACTION: UACB:

- ☐ No further action being taken and
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA Springfield
☐ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

by routing slip for
☒ info ☐ action
 date 5/25/68 20 MAY 25 1968
 by EMG/mr

Approved: C/D
 66 JUN 4 1968 Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

May 22, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

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3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois

May 22, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,
Also Known As
Dick Gregory
Speech on May 20, 1968
At Galesburg, Illinois

On May 22, 1968, Detective [redacted]
[redacted] Police Department, stated that DICK
GREGORY, comedian and civil rights leader, made a speech
on Monday evening, May 20, 1968, at Knox College, in
Galesburg, Illinois.

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According to Detective [redacted] GREGORY had
been invited to make the speech by the Knox Student
Senate and he appeared in the Fine Arts Center, Knox
College Campus, Galesburg, Illinois. [redacted] estimated
the attendance to be between 800 and 1000 people.

The speech was concerned with ending discrimination
in this country and also in ending the war in Viet Nam.
He also commented on racial discrimination on the Indian
reservations and GREGORY stated that he had demonstrated
for the rights of young Indians.

GREGORY told the students that they had more
power and influence than they are aware of. He advocated
more student participation in anti-war demonstrations around
the country.

[redacted] stated this speech was low key and GREGORY
did not advocate any violence or extreme militant activity.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

[] stated there were no fights or demonstrations or violence of any kind in Galesburg, Illinois, as a result of the speech given by GREGORY.

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Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois; United States Attorney, Springfield, Illinois; and Military Intelligence, Rock Island, Illinois, were advised of the above information:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)
DATE 11/30/84 *Class*

TO : Director, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : Legat, London (157-99) ~~(S)~~ (U)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTER

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Re New York City airtel 2/2/68, Bureau letter
3/8/68 to Legat, London and Bulet 5/17/68 to CIA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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Above submitted for information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-445006)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2209) (157-347) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RM

Re Bureau letter to Chicago dated 4/23/68 instructing Chicago to develop counterintelligence measures to neutralize GREGORY noting he has traveled all over the country preaching black nationalist extremism, hatred and violence.

Concerning GREGORY it may be noted that an article appeared in the Tuesday, 5/21/68 edition of the "Chicago Sun-Times", newspaper of general circulation in Chicago, in "Kap's Column" (IRV KUPCINET, Chicago newspaper columnist and TV personality), which states "Dick Gregory calls a temporary halt to his write-in campaign for President next week when he reports to the state of Washington to serve that 90-day sentence for civil disobedience".

It is also noted that the 5/14/68 edition of the "Chicago Daily News", also a daily newspaper of general circulation, reported the Illinois Appellate Court upheld a 1966 conviction of comedian GREGORY on charges of battery and resisting a police officer during a 1965 civil rights demonstration. GREGORY in his appeal charged he was denied a fair trial because of a "systematic exclusion of Negroes from the jury". The Appellate Court in ruling on his appeal, said GREGORY failed to prove the charges.

GREGORY had been fined \$200 for each of 2 counts of battery and \$500 on each of 2 counts of resisting arrest and was ordered to serve 5 months in the County Jail. 100-440423

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AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. Will ascertain if GREGORY surrenders himself to serve the above referred to 90 day sentence and immediately advise the Bureau and Chicago of same. If GREGORY confined, arrange to be advised of his release advising the Bureau and Chicago.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to follow proceedings against GREGORY relative to above local charges in Chicago and keep the Bureau advised of developments.

Chicago is exploring possible means to discredit GREGORY in the extremist black nationalist movement and Bureau authority will be requested prior to instituting any counterintelligence action.

Chicago is also exploring possible counterintelligence activity against GREGORY relative to his recent remarks attacking organized crime and hoodlums connected with same.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (157-253) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
Dick Gregory
(AGITATOR INDEX)
RM

(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 1/11/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six (6) copies of an LHM and for Chicago two (2) copies of an LHM concerning subject's speech at State University College at Cortland, Cortland, New York, on 5/8/68, sponsored by the House of Delegates, student governing body at that college.

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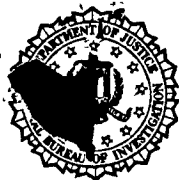
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Albany, New York

May 28, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On May 9, 1968, [redacted] State University College at Cortland, Cortland, New York, advised that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY fulfilled his speaking engagement at the State University College at Cortland on the evening of May 8, 1968, at the health and physical education building. GREGORY was sponsored by the House of Delegates, student governing body at the State University College at Cortland and was introduced by [redacted] House of Delegates. He stated that there were approximately 500 to 600 students and a few faculty members at the meeting. He stated further that the meeting was orderly and was not marred by any incidents.

On May 13, 1968, [redacted] Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), New York State Police, Homer, New York, advised that he was in attendance at the speech given by GREGORY on May 8, 1968. [redacted] furnished the following information:

GREGORY quoted passages from history books and the Bible to justify the actions of his black brothers today. He was not recruiting and his remarks, though shaded with bitterness, were not inflammatory. GREGORY severely criticized President JOHNSON and indicated that the United States was without a leader at this time. GREGORY attempted to get the message across to the students that there is a problem and although they did not create the problem, they will have to be the ones to solve it. GREGORY also commented that we never draft murderers to go over and kill the Viet Cong, but rather we take good Christians and train them to become the best murderers in the world, killing people they have never met.

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

[] advised that GREGORY was well received by an audience of 500 to 600 predominately white college students and some faculty from State University College at Cortland. He said that this meeting was very orderly and that there were no incidents of any kind.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 27, 1968

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1316) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.
RACIAL MATTERS

(OO: CHICAGO)

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a newspaper article appearing in the May 10, 1968, issue of "The Kilikilik," Heidelberg College Campus Newspaper, published at Tiffin, Ohio, where subject made a recent appearance. Two copies are also being enclosed for Chicago.

The paper was made available to SA [redacted] on May 24, 1968, by Seneca County [redacted] a [redacted]

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Gregory's Comments After Show Reveal Bizarre Political Views

by Brent Carson

tary will then take power. In response to Dick Gregory's performance, many Heidelberg students have, at least temporarily, found a new hero with whom they can identify. Mr. Gregory's flashy lapel buttons are even rivaling the Senator McCarthy buttons in popularity. Before allowing ourselves to be carried away in the "Gregory for President" movement, perhaps we should have a closer examination of his beliefs. Following the program Mr. Gregory, the Mitchell Trio, and a small group of students were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Colbert. At that time "Candidate" Gregory gave some enlightening projections of what the future will hold for our country. First, he stated that the Democratic Convention will be bombed on the second day of its meeting this summer. Mr. Gregory also prophesied that there will never be another Presidential election. He believes that on the next election day, riots will break out across the nation (including Tiffin), and stop people from going to the polls. According to his predictions, the military will then take power. Through this chain of events Mr. Gregory believes that the nation's twenty richest families will exert the pressure needed to put himself in as President of the United States. As President, Mr. Gregory said that he would be the closest thing this nation has had to a dictator. For example, since Mr. Gregory is a vegetarian, the whole country would have to give up eating meat. On the subject of Civil Rights, Mr. Gregory believes that any white person who would not sell his house to a Negro should be shot. For those students wearing the "Gregory for President" badges as a joke—the joke has lost its humor. In regards to those people who are wearing the badges in a serious vein—I feel that Mr. Gregory's statements portray his illogical thinking. Dick Gregory ended his performance by praising our generation. I, too, praise our generation's actions and will continue to praise them so long as we remain intelligent enough to refute the illogic of such men as Dick Gregory.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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THE KILIKILIK
(Tiffin, Ohio)

Date: 5/10/68
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Editor: Jim Unger
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Submitting Office: Cleveland
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FBI

Date: 5/29/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-2722) RUC

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
Dick Gregory
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)
RM
(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated 1/17/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Two copies of this LHM are being forwarded to Chicago. Copies of this LHM being disseminated locally to 109th MI GP (4), NISO, OSI, Secret Service and USA, Baltimore.

LHM is being classified confidential inasmuch as disclosure of information contained therein could lead to the identification of the source and thereby impair future effectiveness and in turn be detrimental to the national defense.

Source mentioned in this memorandum is [redacted]

[redacted], an established contact who did not personally attend DICK GREGORY's appearance at MSC, obtained this information from his own source at MSC.

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- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - Chicago (Enc. 2) (REGISTERED MAIL) (1 - DICK GREGORY)
1 - Baltimore

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
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United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

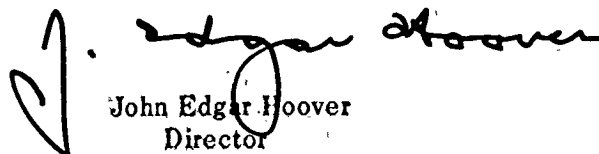
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Director

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U. S. Secret Service, Baltimore (REGISTERED MAIL)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Baltimore, Maryland

May 29, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Also Known As

A source advised on May 27, 1968 that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY appeared at a regularly scheduled student assembly program held at Murphy Auditorium, Morgan State College (MSC), Baltimore, Maryland on May 16, 1968. The Cultural Arts Council was the sponsoring organization and about 700 students were in attendance.

GREGORY is a Negro comedian-entertainer and civil rights activist who has been arrested on numerous occasions relative to his civil rights activities.

The source advised that GREGORY was the main speaker at the regularly scheduled assembly program. GREGORY's speech was along his usual pattern, giving emphasis on white racism in America. He did not talk on any one subject but used profanity throughout the program. After the regularly scheduled assembly, a smaller group of about 50 to 75 students assembled in the Student Union Building where GREGORY answered questions. GREGORY left the MSC Campus about 5:30 P.M. No incidents were reported.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Baltimore, Maryland

May 29, 1968

Title RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,
 Also Known As

Character

Reference Memorandum dated and captioned
 as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: June 10, 1968

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RM
OO: CHICAGO

Re Seattle teletype to Bureau, 6/7/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies and for Chicago two (2) copies of an LHM covering subject's surrender to Washington State authorities at Olympia, Washington, on June 7, 1968.

Copies of this LHM are being made available locally to United States Secret Service by FD-376, and to MIG, NISO, OSI, and the USA, Seattle, by FD-342. Local MIG was orally advised of the information in the LHM on June 7, 1968.

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SEATTLE DIVISION
At Olympia, Washington

Will follow any developments in this matter and keep Bureau and Chicago Office advised.

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2 - Seattle
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. **SE 157-511****June 10, 1968**

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1)
U. S. Secret Service, **Seattle (REG)**

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington

June 10, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. SE 157-511

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The information herein supplements that in the memorandum under this caption dated at Seattle May 20, 1968.

On June 7, 1968, [redacted]

[redacted] Olympia, Washington, advised subject had that date, at about 2:00 p.m., surrendered himself to authorities to start serving the sentence previously imposed upon him by the State of Washington for violation of State fishing laws. After a short "press conference," which subject was permitted to hold on the steps of the Court House at Olympia and in the course of which he reiterated statements he has made in the past that he will spend his sentence fasting, he was "booked" into Thurston County Jail at 2:15 p.m. Subject was accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] said the motion for a Washington Supreme Court rehearing of subject's case, which had been entered by his attorney, has been withdrawn. It is estimated subject will have to serve at least 75 days of his 90-day sentence unless the Governor intervenes.

At booking, according to [redacted] Thurston County Jailer, subject had on his person \$480 in Traveler's Checks and \$305.44 in cash. He also had with him six plastic gallon jugs filled with what was said to be distilled water and was permitted to take one of these to his cell with him.

Upon GREGORY's arrival in Olympia from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, there was only a scattering of people at the Court House, mostly individuals from the press, radio, and TV. There were no incidents, disturbances, or demonstrations of any kind.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date June 8, 1968

Attached reports Richard Gregory surrendered to Olympia, Washington authorities 6/7/68 to start serving sentence for violation of state law concerning fishing. This violation occurred as a protest to state regulations of Indian fishing practices.

Prior to departure from Chicago, he held news conference and criticized Federal Government for denying him Secret Service protection.

Copy of attached furnished Inter-Division Information Unit of Department and Attorney General.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM SEATTLE (157-511) 2P

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Mr. DeLoach _____
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Miss Holmes _____
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, *RACIAL MATTER* RM. OO: CG.

RE SEATTLE LETTER TO BUREAU, MAY TWENTY LAST.

OLYMPIA,

WASHINGTON, ADVISED THAT SUBJECT SURRENDERED HIMSELF TO AUTHORITIES IN OLYMPIA AT APPROXIMATELY TWO P.M. ON JUNE SEVEN INSTANT TO START SERVING THE SENTENCE AGAINST HIM IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

HE WAS ACTUALLY BOOKED INTO THE THURSTON COUNTY JAIL AT TWO FIFTEEN P.M. AND WAS THEREAFTER PLACED IN THAT JAIL WHERE IT IS EXPECTED HE WILL SERVE HIS TIME. [] SAID IT IS ESTIMATED HE WILL SERVE AT LEAST SEVENTY FIVE DAYS UNLESS THE GOVERNOR INTERVENES.

AT BOOKING, GREGORY HAD ON HIS PERSON FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS IN TRAVELERS CHECKS AND THREE HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS IN CASH AND HAD WITH HIM SIX ONE GALLON PLASTIC JUGS FILLED WITH WHAT IS SAID TO BE DISTILLED WATER. HE WAS PERMITTED TO TAKE ONE OF THESE JUGS INTO THE JAIL WITH HIM.

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ANY KING IN OLYMPIA WITH REGARD TO THIS MATTER.

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LOCAL HQ ADVISED. LHM BEING SUBMITTED. DEVELOPMENTS WILL
BE FOLLOWED AND BUREAU AND CHICAGO KEPT ADVISED.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY; RM 00: CHICAGO.

[] SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT DICK GREGORY DEPARTED CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, INSTANT EN ROUTE TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, TO BEGIN SERVING NINETY DAY JAIL SENTENCE. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE GREGORY HELD NEWS CONFERENCE AT O'HARE AIRPORT, CHICAGO, WHERE HE CRITICIZED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR DENYING HIM SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION AFFORDED TO OTHER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY. GREGORY REFERRED TO THIS AS "RACIAL INSULT". REFERRING TO HIS SEATTLE JAIL SENTENCE, GREGORY STATED HIS NINETY DAYS IN JAIL "WILL DIRECT WORLD WIDE ATTENTION ON PLIGHT OF INDIANS TO WHOM THIS NATION ONCE BELONGED". GREGORY STATED HE WILL FAST WHILE IN JAIL DRINKING ONLY WATER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-440423)

DATE: June 6, 1968

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-775) -P-

**SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.
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Enclosed for the Bureau is original and 10 copies of LHM covering excerpts and summary of GREGORY's speech at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois, on 5-6-68 as a result of a review of a tape by SA [redacted]

Two copies of above-mentioned LHM are enclosed for Chicago.

Source mentioned in LHM, page 1, is [redacted]
[redacted] Eastern Illinois University, Charleston,
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Springfield, Illinois

June 11, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
also known as
Dick Gregory
Speech at Eastern Illinois University
Charleston, Illinois
May 6, 1968

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided a tape recording of captioned speech. The following excerpts and summary are set forth after a review of this tape by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

The first 20 - 25 minutes of GREGORY's speech was purely humorous in nature and dealt only with joke telling and the like.

As the speech progressed, GREGORY stated that he likes the anti-riot portion of the new Civil Rights Bill because "all you radical whites and militant blacks are going to have to keep your damn mouths shut now and just go on and do what you have to do, because if you talk about it any more you can get busted under that new anti-riot section. I'm damn sick and tired of hearing you all talk about it anyway, just go on and do it." (applause) GREGORY said this type legislation would "force people under ground." He went on, "everytime a nigger rises up and says what he's going to do, the FBI can tap his phone." GREGORY further stated this portion of the new Civil Rights Bill is unconstitutional but he hopes no one will attack it.

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GREGORY went on to say America is heading for a dictatorship, stating that the possibility exists that the November, 1968, elections will be thrown out because of riots in major cities. This he said would lead to a military take-over. He stated further, "I wouldn't mind living under dictatorship. I'd love it, because then me and the white folks would all be going underground singing 'We Shall Overcome' and 'What We Going To Do With All Them Soldiers.'" GREGORY made the statement, "I am non-violent" and said that America is sending black boys into the Army to learn how to be killers and some day "they'll come back to the United States and we'll regret it." GREGORY went on to say America is more concerned with "black crime in the streets" than it is with the crime syndicate. He said further that when Washington, D. C. tells Saigon to clean up its corruption, Saigon should say, "When you clean up Chicago, we'll clean up Saigon."

GREGORY described President Lyndon B. Johnson as "probably the slickist tyrant that has walked the face of this earth since Julius Caesar." He said, "Had Bobby Baker been working for Adam Clayton Powell instead of L.B.J. they'd both (Powell and Baker) be in jail tonight."

GREGORY went on to cover such topics as the 1968 Summer Olympics, American history, white christianity, lowering the voting age, education, income taxes and discrimination in housing. Pertaining to the housing issue he said, "I was 10 years old then and had a German kill my Daddy in '42. I am 36 years old tonight, Baby. How would you talk, if that same German that killed your Daddy in 1942 can come to your Daddy's country and live in a neighborhood you couldn't live in. Baby, we'll burn this damn country down to the ground house by house and brick by brick." (applause)

GREGORY further stated, "The biggest threat to communism is for a democratic society to make our constitution work right Baby, that's all. You don't need no tanks to wipe out communism."

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

GREGORY went on to talk about what changes the younger generation could make in American society and advocated, among other things, economic boycotts. Specifically, he advised, "Please understand your power; and for you new young voters with this new political year coming up please don't get caught in the same trick we (GREGORY's generation) got caught in." He continued, "We need statesmen with guts, not politicians with money." Referring again to the younger generation, he said, "You will solve the problems in the next three years, or the problems will solve you."

Concerning the problems that face the country today, GREGORY asked, "Can America, for a few minutes, quit playing games with us?" Also in his position as a presidential candidate for the Peace and Freedom Party, GREGORY listed his priorities as to what he would do if elected and the first would be to "Paint the White House black," and secondly, "Bring all the boys home from Vietnam and send L.B.J. with nothing but a barbecue gun." Further, concerning the war, GREGORY stated, "Any black cat that goes to war for America has got to be insane." He asserted that, "It would be a cold day in Hell before white Americans would go to Vietnam and fight, only to come home and live under the Civil Rights Bill." He also stated that the Declaration of Independence should contain a statement, "For Whites Only."

He continued by saying, "I think I see progress myself. Dr. Martin Luther King got killed in America by an American, I'd rather see America tear up America than tear up a foreign country. I see progress because maybe this will wake us up."

GREGORY's speech concluded with a few words concerning the books he has authored.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (P)
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTER
OO: CHICAGO

DATE: 6/21/68

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Re Seattle tel, 6/20/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies and for Chicago two (2) copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination regarding captioned subject.

Copies are being disseminated locally to U.S. Secret Service by FD-376 and to 115th MIG, NISO, OSI, and USA, Seattle by FD-342.

The LHM is being classified confidential since information furnished in the LHM from SE T-1 who is [redacted] could, if disclosed, reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and thereby compromise future effectiveness thereof to the detriment of the national security (U)

The CP members mentioned in the LHM are all SI subjects of the Seattle Division.

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SEATTLE DIVISION
At Olympia, Washington

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Will follow developments in this matter and keep Bureau and Chicago advised.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 21, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1
U. S. Secret Service, Seattle (REG)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington

June 21, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The information herein supplements that in the memorandum under this caption dated at Seattle, Washington, on June 10, 1968.

On June 20, 1968, [redacted] to Washington State Governor DANIEL EVANS, advised that on June 19, 1968, Governor EVANS had turned down a plea of RICHARD GREGORY for a pardon from his 90 day sentence being served by GREGORY in the Thurston County Jail at Olympia, Washington. [redacted] also advised that a small number of Indians, not over 25, began a vigil on June 20, 1968, across the street from the County Court House on the State Capitol grounds in Olympia in protest of GREGORY's conviction.

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On June 20, 1968, SE T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Indians at the above described vigil at Olympia had been joined by a number of Communist Party (CP) members from both Tacoma and Olympia, Washington, and that the CP was planning on creating another Resurrection City on the State Capitol grounds. The CP members mentioned above, according to SE T-1 are [redacted]

[redacted] SE T-1 further advised that as of this date two tents had been erected across from the County Court House at Olympia. (U)

On June 20, 1968, FRED DERICK, Chief of Police, Olympia, advised that there had been no disturbances or violence in connection with the above described vigil at Olympia.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

June 6, 1968

Chicago, Illinois

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bureau 100-440423

Chicago 157-347

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

REFERENCE: Memo dated May 14, 1968

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: Apt. 1030, 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652) (RUC)
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.
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(OO: CHICAGO)

Remyairtel dated 5/6/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies, and for Chicago two copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above.

Source referred to in LHM is _____
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to
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June 24, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On April 27, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that an organization at Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va., known as IMPACT, scheduled a series of speakers for the week of April 24 through 27, 1968. The source stated that the Co-ordinator for IMPACT is [redacted] a Marshall University Student, and the Honorary Chairman of IMPACT is Doctor Stewart H. Smith, President of Marshall University. The source stated that five speakers were scheduled to speak with the keynote speaker on April 24, 1968, being Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. *W. Va.*

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The source stated that two speakers were scheduled to speak on April 27, 1968, with the first speaker on that date being Allen Ginsberg, whose topic is to be "Free Expression in America: Fact or Fiction," and the second speaker on April 27, 1968, is to be Dick Gregory, whose topic is to be "Black Power: Revolution or Evolution."

On April 29, 1968, the source advised that Allen Ginsberg and Dick Gregory appeared as scheduled on April 27, 1968, with an estimated audience of between 600 to 700 persons. The source stated that these two speeches were recorded on a tape recorder. The source stated that portions of the tape recording are somewhat unintelligible due to Dick Gregory moving away from his speaker's microphone, voice inflection, and outside crowd noises.

On May 20, 1968, the source stated that he had not had an opportunity to have the tape recording of Gregory's speech transcribed and he made available the recorded speech of Gregory, which is substantially verbatim as follows:

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"I would like to say thank you very much and just to say good evening.

"You know, when they told me I was going to Huntington, West Virginia, I didn't see anything wrong with that at first. But when they mentioned changin my airline, I got a little suspicious. In all honesty, I did get a little suspicious. And then I still didn't, you know, like really slip off until I called Piedmont Airlines and said, 'What time is your next flight to Huntington?' and the voice said, 'What time can you get here?' At that point, I should have known something, you know? Old stupid me. I just kept thinking, well it sounds normal. You know, I've been on a lot of airlines that, you know, get in a little trouble but Piedmont is the first airline I've been on that looked like it was going to wreck and the stewardess kept serving coffee.

" I just finished a 47-day fast and, you know, a lot of people ask, 'How did you feel on the fast; what's the worst thing about the fast?' And I'd like to inform you that if you ever plan to go on one the worst part about any fast is the dumb stupid questions the eaters keep asking you. Like after 54 days without eatin: 'How do you feel now?' and when you say 'hungry,' you know, they're surprised!

"Let me read a hate letter I got. I always get hate mail, it usually starts out, you nigger this, you nigger that. Can you imagine someone being cold-blooded enough knowin you haven't ate in 46 days? You go to the mailbox and you pull this letter out: 'Dear Mr. Gregory, This is to inform you that yesterday for dinner I had fried chicken with gravy.' That's the first time I realized there's a black cat out there somewhere who hates me. We know you white folks eat a lot of fried chicken but we do know who eat it with gravy. 'Mashed potatoes smothered in butter.'

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"Well, that could go either way. It was this next item that lets you know who it was, 'black-eyed peas with grilled onions.' Now dig, now he tries to fake me out and make me think he's white. 'Jello topped with whipped cream.'

"Well, we have problems. I was sittin on the plane today and there was a white cat sittin next to me and he decided to strike up a conversation and he did it the usual way, you know. 'Wake up, boy.' When you on Piedmont Airlines, you wake up boy. And he wasn't talkin about nothin, but he asked me about black power. I didn't know white folks was still asking about black power, but I didn't explain to him what it was. I just gave him an example of black power and I tried to express to him how all of the heart transplants that had been performed, the only ones that worked is the one with the black heart. Matter of fact, they worked a little too good. But I've always felt that there's nothin wrong with white folks that a change of heart wouldn't help. But I think the heart transplant was too good, not that I didn't want it to work, but I didn't want it to work too good. The last thing us black folks want is when you white folks start assuming we gonna be your spare parts. You know there's a lot of people against heart transplants, religious folks what have you. I'm against heart transplants, but it had nothin to do with religion. I'm against any transplant you can hide. I would love to see a white cat get a colored foot, then let him take that to the beach with him.

"You know, the fact that I'm a presidential candidate, I have a lot of people ask me, 'If you were elected President, like what is the first thing you would do?' Seems like a very stupid question 'cause the whole world knows the first thing I'd do if elected President, would be to paint the White House black. Second thing I'd

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"do would be to bring all the boys home from Vietnam and send LBJ. I'd send LBJ to Vietnam with nothin but a barbecue cup; have Eartha Kitt call him up every morning and say, 'We're working on de-feller (sic), baby.' The next thing I would do, a lot of people ask, they say, 'Greg, what segment of the people do you think you would have the most problems from if you were elected President?' And, in all honesty, I must say I think I'd have the most problems from the colored folks 'cause you see I do know how black folks would react to some of the things I'd do, and the first things I would immediately do after taking office would be to wipe out the poverty program and set up a fifty billion dollar a year white folks rest program. Yes, I'd take all the good jobs away from you white folks and put you on my rest program and I'd give my black brother a good job for the first time in his life. And I'd guarantee you in about six months, when the black folks really realized I was payin you white folks to rest, there would be a hugh march in Washington. I can just see them standing out in front of my mansion now screaming, 'Nigger! What's wrong with you? We got all these white folks out here not working, sitting on their ass, getting these checks, having all them babies.'

"I really must say to you, it's a pleasure to be here. I guess I spend about ninety-eight per cent of my time on college campuses. The reason I spend so much time on college campuses today is because you young folks have a difficult task of solving the problems. I say difficult task because the problems that this country is confronted with and the problems that you have to solve are problems you didn't even create. These problems were here when you got here. Sometime I meet a lot of young bigots, but they better wake up and realize they ain't doing nothin new. Almost all these conditions was here, but you will have to create an atmosphere to solve these problems. The reason I say you young folks is on the spot like you've never been on the spot before is because if you don't solve the problems

"in the next three years, the problems will solve you and we have never been confronted with this type of ultimatum before. And it's groovy because now even the bigot that wants to be a groovy bigot he has to join us and solve the problem so five years from now there will be someone around here for him to hate. So, I figure youngsters not only have a problem to solve but it's so difficult because of the very things that's goin on. For instance, what I mean, is we have a civil rights bill that was pushed through and there was a lot of groovy white folks that didn't want that bill pushed through and for the first time bigots was walking around hand in hand together for different reasons. But we didn't want no civil rights bill neither. We're tired of this damn country playing games with us. We want our rights under the same piece of paper we pay our income tax by. We want our rights under that same piece of paper that draft black folks in the army. And we want you to realize right now you white and black folks, that don't do us no personal small favors, baby. This is what we're sayin. We want America to go on alert to realize we don't want nothin but the Constitution, baby. Which means white America has a right to call me a nigger. You just exercise your freedom of speech, but you'd better not never, never in your life, spit on me is what we said. In the Constitution, white America has a right to dislike me because I'm black, that's freedom of expression, but you better never, never burn a cross on my front lawn, that's what we said. And we hope this country understands what we are trying to say real good. We are going after that Constitution, the Constitution that gives you a lot of rights. And all those people talking about an atmosphere of love and all that, that's the Bible. We don't want the Bible, baby. We are talking about the United States Constitution, no more and no less and we're tired of games and if you read that civil rights bill you know they were playing a lot of games with us on that because eighty per cent of the housing never comes really into effect until 1970.

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"I wish I were the type of nigger that believed in going to war for this country, and when I say nigger I mean any black man that is silly enough to go to fight for this country all over the world and shoot at people he never met to free some foreigner when his own mammy needs liberation in America, is a nigger. I sure wish I was that type because I sure would call up the State Department and put them on alert, that baby, I don't mind fighting wars for you, but since the civil rights bill didn't pass, don't call me until 1970. Then when you call me, don't expect but eighty per cent of me, and if I live in a slum flat dwelling, don't expect none of me.

"Now you got to understand. First let me explain to you my position. I am a 36 year old Uncle Tom nigger and I will be as good a nigger as this country will let me be comfortable being and when this country makes me uncomfortable I will do everything I can to make America uncomfortable. But now, when it treats me, like don't bug me, I'll try to behave myself and I say that in good faith. Being a 36 year old Uncle Tom nigger, I'm the type of cat who will try to apologize to all white folks for black folks behavior after Martin Luther King was killed. I thought it was just very awful that them black folks did act like that. They know damn good and well that the accepted riot season in America is in July and August. And I'm sayin how you good white folks felt. It just broke my heart too. Niggers gettin so you can't trust them no more. They're gettin so uppity. I know you white folks, I know you got upset. To you I say please accept my humble apologies, and it just really upset me when those niggers in Washington, D.C., had nerve enough to mess up the cherry blossom season. The bad part about their behavior is that even the police department had accepted the riot season and they usually sneak out and take their

"vacation in the spring. They had to come back home. And all them tanks, them tanks they been buyin for us this summer, they hadn't even unwrapped them yet.

"Now, I must say I was disappointed in you white folks. All year long I been readin about that new Chemical Mace that you have, the new thing that was going to control all riots, and I was tryin to tell white folks you got to get something else 'cause Mace don't do no good if you really want to throw a brick. So I say that if white America will kind of band together with the rest of us Toms and kinda guarantee that no more black leaders get shot in the spring, we can almost guarantee you that we can teach black folks how to behave. This country wants to kill any more leaders, try to do it in July because during the accepted riot season niggers are going to riot whether you do something to them or not. We get scared not to have a riot now because you expect it and if we disappoint you, then we'd find it would really upset you. Again I'd like to say I'd like to apologize for reacting.

"I had a black detective come by my house in Chicago and ask me if I'd come out and help cool down the brothers and I said, 'No, I just come out of the house during racial disturbances.' And he says, 'Well this is the black folks.' I said, 'They're reacting to Doctor Martin Luther King,' and I said, 'I don't think that's racial. I think you'd have the same reaction in America only in a different neighborhood had a Baptist killed the Pope.' And he said to me what so many of you have been reading in the newspapers, that the black folks are just hurting themselves and he said, 'You read in the papers that 500 colored folks have no place to live now.' That's true, but they should have wrote the whole story. 500 black folks got burned out but it was three million rats that didn't have no place to live. They'd have to move to the white policeman's 'cause rats aren't prejudiced. They kinda like livin with the colored folks better 'cause we cook a little bit more food. But when the rats ain't got no home, we say, 'We have rats. We will travel.'

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"Now I explained my type of religion and you know my record. I got shot in Watts tryin to keep the colored folks cool so you can call me anytime black folks react. I would like to see them kept in their place, but now I got a condition on how you can call me. I'm sure those of you that's informed and those of you that's not informed better get informed that for every one white boy that re-enlists in the United States Army there's five black boys. I'm sure you can read this because it's been publicized a whole lot. Now you white folks go on record as really speaking out for non-violent niggers. But for some reason you better wake up or check with your State Department and realize that we aren't non-violent. And the record in the army shows it. For everyone of you white boys that re-up, there's five black boys, so you should understand real quick that black folks speak out for killin for freedom. We're better murderers than you white folks are, and I say that in faith. And when that black cat whom you taught with your tax money—you taught him how to drop Napalm indiscriminately, you taught him how to just blow up villages and knock planes out of the sky and blow up railroad embankments and just wipe out whole towns for freedom—and you're silly enough to believe that this black cat will go all over the world being your hired murderer killing foreigners to liberate foreigners and when he come back home this time, he's not going to do the same thing to liberate his mammy, then you are out of your mind. So when your black murderer come back home, starts burnin down your neighborhoods, and blowin up your schools, and knockin your planes out of the sky, don't call me. This is what I'm sayin. And when you call me, the first thing I'm gonna ask you is, 'Is he a veteran?' Because if he's your murderer, I won't have nothin to do with him. If he's just some old silly nigger just killin on his own that hasn't been trained—And also tell your police department they better get a lot of good training because it's one thing shooting a 16 year old black cat throwing a brick at a tank. It's

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"another thing dealing with one of them old black guerrillas you've made. One of them black snipers that been knocking Viet Cong out of the trees from 500 yards back.

"And, so I say you youngsters have a tremendous job to do, a big job. A big job that us poor old moral corrupt Americans could do, but you're facin it in the face. Now you can go home and talk to your mama and you can talk to your daddy, black kids and white kids, you gotta talk. Okay, they'll talk to you, but don't let them put you in no trick, hear? Because it's a mischange(sic) in attitudes in this country today. And there was a time when a white man was the only man that could get mad. But I want to tell you niggers is mad too, baby, and we ain't puttin up with no more of this nonsense and we hope that America can become as afraid and as scared of injustices as she has become afraid of communism. And this is what we tryin to say and maybe you can wipe out these injustices like you're tryin to go all over the world and wipe out communism. But I say you young kids carry the burden. What happened to Doctor Martin Luther King, you young folks will feel this much more than older Americans because you young kids feel the pain of what happened. Most older Americans will only feel the shame of what happened. That's why we got across those civil rights bills because America got embarrassed around the world because Doctor King was killed, so they gave us that little old piece of paper.

"And so I say you youngsters have many, many problems, but I think we got to realize that there's some progress that's being made. I look at what happened to Doctor Martin Luther King and we try to say in America that Doctor Martin Luther King got killed in the South by a red neck cracker racist. No! No! Doctor Martin Luther King got killed in America by an American. You don't have to say no more.

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"One thing about them Nazis, we never tried to say what town he came from. We says you're Nazis and that's all we have to say about America. And let's get groovy now because I feel had Hitler made enough mistakes and killed enough Germans he might of woke up the rest of them Nazis. But I say to you in all honesty what's happening in America now is progress to me because I'd rather see Americans killing Americans than killing foreigners. I'd rather see Americans burn the whole damn country down than burn foreign countries down. In my little sickness, I'd rather see my daughter kill my wife than kill your wife. I'd rather see my son kill me than kill you. I'd rather have my kids burn down my house than burn down your house because I feel I'm responsible for that mess at home. Well, I feel the same way about America. I feel that I'm responsible for this mess and I'd rather see New York, Chicago, and California get together and bomb the hell out of Massachusetts. And see Massachusetts, New York, Chicago, and California get together and bomb the hell out of New York, and maybe what's happening in this country will wake us up to see the sickness that this society is coming to. Maybe, and I say maybe, for you young folks see, because somewhere down the line we are to change.

"Now let me try to explain black folks to you for those of you that need some explaining. For those of you that just don't understand black folks reaction today, just say, 'Niggers is crazy.' That's all, you don't have to say no more, 'cause we are crazy for that United States Constitution. But you see I hate to admit this but I have to admit it. That one of the things, that the reason we can't seem to think alike is because black folks and white folks don't think alike and all the old bigots have been saying that for years. I want to confirm it for you. Black folks and white folks do not think alike. Now, I didn't realize that until I read the American history book, and when I read your American history book, I got the sneakin suspicion that black folks and white folks did not

"think alike. Because here's a white man telling niggers that we got to be non-violent and we got to do this and that and I pick up the damned history book and I read that George Washington and that band of white farmers he had tore up the colonies, whipped the hell out of the British, called it a Revolutionary War. I say, 'What was they fightin over?' He says, 'tea.' And I kept sayin, 'Oh, no, you white folks ain't goin to fight over no damn tea and then tell a nigger he got to behave.' But I went all the way through and that's what your white ancestors went to war over, Lipton tea bags. And then you are silly and sick enough to tell black folks to behave and still run this old filthy book out in my neighborhood bragging about how you whooped the British. And, I tell you I give you the benefit of the doubt. I tried to be over fair. I got all my little black kids, I dirtied them up, put grease on them, tried to make them look as much like a nigger as I could make them look. And I hung a Lipton tea bag next to each one of them and I said, 'Greg, which one of them things is worth killin for? Them tea bags or them little black kids?' You know, them little black kids won out every time. Every time they won out. And I just tried to think. 'No! White folks back home don't think that much different. Let me see something else now.' And I just tried to see if I could fight over tea and I made me a big old tea bag. I took me a big old white sheet and I sowed about twelve of them together and I bought 500 pounds of tea and I put it all in that big white sheet. And I told my wife, 'Hit me with that tea,' and flip, she hit me with 500 pounds of tea. I still couldn't get mad enough. So, you know you never realize how much different white folks think than black folks, till you read this American history book. Boy, this is beautiful here, 'Give me liberty or give me death.' Who said that? Rap Brown! What did Patrick Henry say? Oh, Patrick Henry spoke of peace. He spoke of loving our British brother. Only niggers like Stokely and them would talk about doing somebody in. Oh, yes, this old great white apostle of love talked of getting some Americans together and goin to Boston to help

"the British unload the tea. 'Let's get there quick because 't h e m old niggers might try to throw it in the water.' Patrick Henry talked about we shall overcome. And the British felt the same way about George Washington and Thomas Jefferson as Americans feel about Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael today. Tell you one thing, if all of us out here could freeze ourselves to death and wake up a hundred years from now, you'd be surprised whose birthdays we'd be gettin out of school on.

"You know Rap Brown made a speech last year in East St. Louis, Illinois, where he said, 'Get a gun nigger and watch the police.' And the press got to calling me and said, 'Greg, we know you're non-violent How do you feel about Rap Brown and Carmichael sayin for colored folks to get a gun and watch the police?' And I said, 'Let me get my history book and I'll show you the original statement.' One thing I hate about black militant cats, they ain't got nothing original they're coming out of this old American history book. Oh, here it is right here. During the time when the British was the police, Paul Revere rode through white communities saying, 'Get a gun white folks, the British are coming.' Maybe we should all just read this American history book. It's probably the dirtiest, filthiest piece of literature put on the market. Oh, the first page is beautiful. I love the first page of the American history book. It just brings tears to my eyes. It says here was a white European society which broke the shackles from the King and Queen and find freedom. He would want to find him a new land where he could worship his own God, have freedom of expression and freedom of religion. Can't nobody say there's anything wrong with that page one of the American history book. But, I say to you don't turn the page 'cause it gets dirty from that part on. So, on his way over here to find freedom, he stole us. That's a hell of a prayer meetin you're going to. The more you read this book, the dirtier it gets. Page 51 just really touched me. Not only did he steal

"us, but he came to these shores and discovered a country that was already occupied. And one day you sit down and ask yourself how do you do that. How do you discover something that's already discovered. Like me and my old lady walkin' out here tonight. You and your lady are sittin' in your brand new automobile and my lady says, 'I sure would like to have that brand new automobile to pray in.' And I say, 'Well, let's discover it.' So I walked up to you and said, 'Get out of that damn car, me and my old lady just discovered it.' And, I'd bet you'd be as surprised as the Indians was.

"And, so we say to you youngsters, you have a tremendous job and sort of a very complex job. When Doctor King was killed, I heard all the radio and television. I couldn't believe that American had really missed the boat. Everybody kept saying that black folks should be non-violent because Doctor Martin Luther King would have wanted this. And I can't believe that during that time I listened to the commentators I never heard nobody mention Doctor Martin Luther King's purpose which was equal justice for all. Everybody talked about his method, which was non-violent, and we don't want to know about methods. We want to know about the purpose. Everybody has different methods of doing things, but it was the purpose that we was unified on. Doctor King, Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael, Malcolm X, and all the organizations have the same purpose and I think if America is sincere then she should implement Doctor Martin Luther King's purpose and we'll all blame it on non-violence, if through non-violence we gained our Constitutional rights. But I think if I am non-violent as an individualist. I don't go around preaching it to people. I think America is a very violent country. Matt Dillon comes into your home once a week teaching you it's a virtue to shoot straight. The United States Constitution says you have a right to bear arms and protect yourself and your property.

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"So America is a very violent country. But, I choose to be non-violent as an individualist. I'm a vegetarian. I don't believe animals was put here for us to eat. But, baby, I would never knock a steak off your plate. That's your hang-up. Like being a vegetarian is my hang-up, bein non-violent is my hang-up. I would love to see the world one day committed to non-violence and I'd also love to see the world one day committed to vegetarianism.

"And so I say if America is sincere about respect she has for non-violence, then why don't America rush up to the Indian reservation and get my red brother off of there and give him his full Constitutional rights. Because you can't get no more non-violent than an Indian today. So what we're tryin to say is we hope America quits playing games with us because if we can justify men 13,000 miles away from our shores tonight dropping bombs and things trying to liberate foreigners and give them a better way of life/ than our own red brother can get in America, then we're thinkin in vain. But we got enough sense to know that if that Indian wants a better way of life in the morning, he goin to have to come off that reservation in Arizona and get up on the viaduct Monday morning and check white folks driving down the expressway and start shooting at them. Pow! And yelling, 'Red Power' and 'Whitey go home!' And if that Indian behaves like that Monday, Oh, the whole country would be shocked. LBJ would be on television saying that 'the red boy's at it again. I just sent my number one specialist of Indian Affairs up to that Indian reservation' and Huntley and Brinkley and the Cronkites and ABC will all be up on the Indian reservation and next Sunday, you'll sit at home and watch "Meet the Press" and they'll be talkin to some old Uncle Tom Tom Indian.

"And so I say for you young folks' sake, it's a sad commentary in this country when we have to admit that it seems that the only thing that stirs this country up is violence. The Mexican American, he hasn't been violent, but nobody cares about him. So I say somewhere down the line you youngsters have to solve problems and I figure the problems can be solved non-violently. I don't believe that's the American way of solving problems, but I think it's the best way and I think you young white kids in America have proved it and the great thing about your actions is that Doctor Martin Luther King did have the consolation of seeing one non-violent victory and black folks would have nothin to do with that and you young white kids across this country decided that you didn't like LBJ's action and you got out and you marched and you swallowed tear gas and you swallowed Mace and you kept marchin and you kept marchin and you made LBJ quit his job. Not one shot was fired. But you youngsters have got to understand you have a lot of power. You have a lot of power to do a lot of things. And we say we hope young folks black and white in this country will use your power to help us get our things and we are tryin to ask this country will she just quit playin games with us.

"LBJ gave his State of the Union message last January at a time when the Senate and Congress couldn't agree with the President on nothin till LBJ in his State of the Union message mentioned crime in the streets. The whole Senate chamber stood up and clapped and screamed and hollered and made little animal sounds for five minutes. Why? Because crime in the streets has become America's new way of sayin, 'Nigger.' Now, I'm not sick enough to stand here and tell you that America shouldn't deal with black crime and black violence, but what I am trying to say, what day will you become as afraid of white crime and white violence as this country is afraid of black crime and black violence. This is what we're sayin. We think that America should work hard and we don't mind the President talkin about doin away with crime in the streets. But, we say what day will

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"you demand your President to say, 'Not only if elected will I wipe out crime in the streets but I'll also wipe out the crime syndicate, or is that too white for you? That's what we're sayin. The crime syndicate in America is the lowest form of humanity second only to about 99 per cent of your politicians. And we say to America if black folks took over the crime syndicate tonight, you'd see to it it would be wiped out by next Wednesday. We say we're tired of playin games. LBJ out of all the people in the world to talk about crime in the streets, he is not one of them. LBJ went to Congress at 26 years old, a poor humble Baptist school teacher. Tonight, LBJ is a multimillionaire and you don't want to know where that money came from. Well, we say to you, if LBJ was black, you'd want to know. Bobby Baker worked for LBJ. Old Bobby boy stole eight million dollars while he was working for the boss. LBJ didn't know nothin about it. The FBI and LBJ is not the dumbest guys walkin the face of the earth. Matter of fact, LBJ is probably the slickest coward that's walked the face of this earth since Julius Caesar. You not only want to believe that LBJ didn't get none of that money; he didn't know nothin about it neither. But what we're sayin to you is had Bobby boy been working for Adam Clayton Powell, both of them would be in jail tonight. That's what we're sayin.

"So, we're sayin we're just tired of this country playing games. We know if America finds out that poor black folks got some dynamite in the black community, he will run your soldiers in to take it from us. We say groovy. You've been acting like that for 400 years, but we wonder when you're going to take that dynamite away from them Minutemen. One day when you whites realize that Minutemen are not goin to kill black folks but kill white folks, I bet you take it away from them then. You couldn't give a Minuteman a million dollars and a tank and

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"pay him to go to Harlem tonight. All that dynamite the Minutemen have buried out in your little lilly white neighborhoods, if it ever blows up accidentally, one day, it ain't goin to do nothin but wipe out blocks of white folks.

"You got to understand while you're playin games with us, you're playing games with yourselves, too. And the big game you see is all these white folks that went out and got a nigger gun. They never had a gun in their house. Now they're upset. Bring it home. 'Listen, honey, let me show you how to use it.' If you know one of these white folks, tell them Brother Greg says if they got one of these nigger guns in their house, they better quit cheatin on their old lady now 'cause she might find out about it. You also got them little old radical white sons and daughters comin home for the vacation period and ask for the car. Best be a little careful how you get it because you might wake someone while he's asleep at night. And some white folks live so far away from black folks, they don't need guns. They need missiles.

"And, we're sayin we're tired of this country playin games with us.

"Muhammad Ali, can't nobody remember nothin but Cassius Clay. But had he changed his name to a good nigger name like Jack O. Jones, Oh, yeah, he wouldn't had no problems then. Yes, Jack old boy, yes. I want to tell you somethin else that word's goin to get you in a lot of trouble, too, boy. We're tired of that word. That's what you call us niggers. You call us boy. You've got to realize white men call us boy not because they mean to be derogatory. They got doubts about their own manhood, but my brother's not aware of that.

"And so we said, you know like the games got to stop. Muhammad Ali, what did he do? He said, 'I'm not goin to war and I'm goin to stay here and I'm goin to stand trial.' And we said that was very honorable. A 100,000 white kids didn't want to go to war and they split to Canada, but that don't seem to bother you. I'm not sayin goin to Canada is dishonorable but if you've got to take your choice of which is most honorable, the most ethical, the most legal, to tell America you're not going to war and I'm standing trial and let's say I go to jail. I say what Muhammad Ali did was the most honorable. And, what happened to him? A bunch of syndicate trampy hoodlums that controlled boxing decided to strip him of his title. One of the cleanest men on the face of the earth. You know damn good and well Muhammad Ali can't be different the way this white press hates him. If they can get anything on him, you know they'd print it. One of the cleanest men in the world. The only cat I know who got divorced from his wife because the dresses was too short. We got upset over that because we remember Jimmy Hoffa, elected President of the Teamsters Union, until you put him in jail. Teamsters is a million people, \$600 million dollars. You can trust old white Jimmy Hoffa until he went to jail, but Muhammad Ali, who ain't dependant to nobody, had to be stripped. We're tired of these games.

"And I must say to you that I got to criticize black folks and it's hard to do that. I guess that's the racism in me. Yeah, I found out one day I was a racist. I kind of suspected it because I've been watching white folks all my life. And I asked myself one day a simple question, I said, 'Greg, if you ever lose your black wife in the morning to another man and you had the choice of losing your wife to a black cat or white cat, which one would you pick?' And you think I didn't find my racism. I hurried up to pick the black cat under the false pretenses that I didn't want to lose my wife to a white boy because I didn't want my black friends laughing at me. I don't care what you hide or nothin, that's the way it is.

"And, so I guess there's a racism in me that makes me hate to admit that I think black folks was wrong when they decided to boycott the Olympic games. I think them niggers should of kept their mouth shut and went on and qualified for the Olympics and went to Mexico City, then dropped the baton. Just a nice little way of telling America we ain't goin be your gladiators no more. This is what we're sayin. We're tired of playin games. And for the people that's upset over black folks not going to the Olympics, we hope you get as upset over the fact that you never would of won an Olympic game without the black athletes. But it don't upset you, the fact that you've never had a black man on the Olympic board. This is what we're tryin to say. We're tired of playin games.

"And a lot of people wonder about how effective that black boycott will be. And let me say one thing to you. We don't control white neighborhoods and we don't never want to control them and we just gettin on our neighborhoods and will you believe one thing? If we truly decide that black athletes ain't goin to the Olympics, we ain't goin. You understand that?

"And, so what we're tryin to say is can we have these games? And one of the groovy things about black folks boycotting the Olympics for the first time in the history of the summer Olympics is America will go to the Olympic games under the true spirit of the Olympics which the Olympics was set up way back in Rome. And the true spirit of the games was not to win, but the brotherhood of competition. When black cats decide they're not goin, you can believe you're goin to go under the true spirit of the Olympics. And so we're sayin that if this country can quit playin games with us. You know what we're tryin to say is we hope you young folks can be just a little bit more honest.

"We ain't asking you to make any changes. And instead of gettin the civil rights bill pushed through the other day, I wished this country would have gave us another bill. I wish this country would have put a bill in law that says all black male baby boys at five years old have to go to a Government camp and stay for a year. That's the type of law I wish they'd had gave us, which was simple. All black male babies born at five years old go to a Government camp and stay from five to six. And also, they stipulate in the law that these little black baby boys for that whole year just sleep six hours a day and the other 18 hours, the Government will teach 'em just one very important thing from five to six, 18 hours, just stand in front of them, just brainwash them, document it: 'Nigger, don't ever date a white lady; don't never goin to have anything to do with a white lady.' In this country, nothin upsets us no more than seein a nigger with a white broad. If you don't believe me, you're dishonest with yourselves. Man, you ought to shake clean and sky write it in the air: 'Nigger, don't go with this white lady.' You can't believe that!

"And so I say maybe, I'm not sayin niggers gonna behave but you're gettin out of hand. But maybe if you start out bein honest with us, that might be half the problem. See, I went to the movie when I was four years old. Somewhere down the line, Whitey got to get enough sense to say they want white ladies. We're not just born wantin them. Must be somethin you're doin. We just ain't got no magnetic brain and I need to get attracted to you. One thing, if you realize this old stupid society of yours, you ain't got enough sense knowin not to want me to have that's all. Now you want to make me forget that you made me want her. Go check your movie house, and see who you got makin love. I went to the movie when I was four

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"years old. I went to the movie every night 'cause it was during the Depression. It was always warmer in the movies than it was at home. And you didn't have to pay to go to the movies when I was a kid until you were 12 years old, as long as you was with an adult. And my mother didn't take me to the movies every night, but I went every night because I always could get an adult because I had a switchblade. Anytime I couldn't get in by myself with my mama, I just get some adult goin in and take my switchblade, stick it in his butt, and say, 'I'm just tellin you to get past that door.' So, every night I went to the movies, four years old. And who do I see making love? Ava Gardner and Humphrey Bogart. By the time I'm eight years old, I've been goin to the movies for four years, makin love with them white broads. And I get to thinkin, I say, 'You know, my mommy and daddy ain't never made love. I ain't seen no white folks in the bed.' You did a good job of brainwashing me. The same thing you didn't want me to do. There was a kid eight years old sittin in the movie. I nudged my little black friend. I says, 'Man, I sure be glad when I grow up 'cause I can get me one of those white broads.' He says, 'What you going to do with her?' I say, 'The same thing as Humphrey Bogart.'

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"Now I want to tell you that I do want a white woman and I'm gonna get me a white woman. You brainwashed me and the madder it makes you the more I'm gonna get. Because you made the damn stupid mistake of bringing your movies into my black community and I sure mean nothin but white ladies making love and any time you should meet a black woman it was Beulah and you know damn good and well I wasn't going to make no love to Beulah.

"We say maybe if you can get honest you know! If you can't get honest, maybe you should take that white lady and stick her on the moon somewhere 'cause we're gonna deal with you. You can believe that.

"In white universities all over this country, if a black cat brings a white broad back to the dormitory, the house mother takes it upon her own to write that white lady's mother: 'Dear used-to-be white folks,' We are very sorry to inform you that your girl, your daughter, is dating a whatsamacallit, a thing, you know, a colored.

"Now we're not sayin that we want you to stop behaving like that. You've been acting like that for a hundred years. We're just sayin can you get a little bit more honest with it? Can you write that black cat's parents too? 'Cause there's a whole lot of niggers that don't want their kids with white girls.

"So we say to you, you youngsters got a big job. We've been telling you in this country that the number one problem confronting America today is the problem of air pollution. The number one problem confronting this country today is the problem of moral pollution. It is the most morally polluted insane nation on the face of this earth and it's left up to you young kids.

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"You know what scares me the most about America? Not the social conditions, they don't bother me at all. What scares me the most about this country is that if the same social conditions that exist in America right this hour existed in any other country on the face of this earth we could solve it. Now is there any young black kids that think this system is just after black folks? You better forget it. And you white kids that think it's just after you, ah! This system's after young folks. And if you white folks don't believe it then you go back and reread that new draft law they just made law two months ago. The one that wiped out graduate school you know what that is don't you? You young hip white kids get to asking too many embarrassing questions. You want too much freedom for everybody. Now they have to give you to the Viet Cong to stop you from being so sassy. Yeah, well you youngsters got the problems. And there's not no help from us old immoral cats. I mean as good as I found I ain't no good to you. I just finished cheating on my income tax. I'm patriotic though. I was whistling the Star Spangled Banner: 'Oh Internal Revenue I hope you don't see.'

"Let me show you how many problems you've got and what you're dealing with. Every now and then I read this Bible. But when I read the Bible, baby, I've read everything else I can get my hands on including the telephone book. I used to love the Bible, you know I'm an ex-Baptist. I don't know about the white Baptists 'cause I could never get in your church. But southern Baptists that's about as extreme as you can go, baby. Oh we just go to church and whoop and holler. We have a thing goin on Sunday. And I used to love the Bible until one day I was readin some of them white folks literature and I read where, I couldn't

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"believe it, white missionaries went to Africa and Africans owned the land and the missionaries had the Bible and the white missionaries left and the white missionaries had the land and the Africans had the Bible. So I said, 'Let me hurry up and put this book down' because I wouldn't want to create ill will among the races because I just might take that Bible in a white hotel one day and when I leave--white folks own the Bible and I own the hotel. Ever hear of those old strange Bible stories that come back from the front line? Every soldier that comes back from every war says, 'You know I always carry a little Bible, a little Gideon Bible, right over my heart. Had it not been for that Bible that bullet would have gone clean through me. They wiped out the whole battalion and I just got that rip in my Bible. Thank God.' That's one thing about our Army we've Christian soldiers which means Marines that pray. And so I got so tired of hearing them stories I decided to carry a bullet over my heart, and it's a good thing too 'cause the Shriners will have its convention in Chicago and you know you white kids get a bad rap for tearing up Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. You want to see a town tore up? Follow your daddy this summer to the Shriners convention. And this summer in Chicago they was just havin a ball, man. They was up in the Hilton Hotel, 27 floors and I was just walkin down the street minding my own business, downtown Chicago minding my own business, singing my little tune: 'Oh Jesus I want to be with you, Lord. Oh Jesus I want to be with you, Lord.' You know I thought white folks said all niggers have rhythm? I usually try to develop mine. It isn't good though, but I try 'cause I knew they wasn't lying on this one, you know. And

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"I was walking downtown singin my little Jesus song and looked up and I see the Shriners had this big party and somebody got mad in the hotel and they picked up this Gideon Bible and they threw it at one of the Shriners and he ducked and this Gideon Bible came out the window, right through the window, and sailed 27 floors. And I seen this thing coming through the air and it didn't scare me. I just kept singing: 'Oh Jesus I wonder what that is Lord. I don't want to be with you too soon Lord.' And that Gideon Bible hit me right in the chest and I want to tell you if it had not been for that bullet that Bible would have gone clean through me.

"This Bible, its really taught me a lot of things, white christianity, you know because there's a lot of people in America that believe that black folks is the dirtiest, well you know the little games you hear, your mom and dad tell you. Well let me tell you something, wait, I'm not sayin we're not dirty and ornery and low down and all that, but I will say this here, that all bad habits that black folks got if you do any studyng of them at all, you'd find out that they're European bad habits, white European bad habits. We have no African bad habits. We learned our bad habits. We do not know what the Africans do in the bushes after dark. We know what you do in the bushes and whether you like it or not we do the same thing. Oh I never will forget. I was so upset when this white christian told me that Africans was bad folks. I said, 'Tell me about my ancestors.' He said, 'They're immoral, they're just bad, they're savages.' That's what he said. Because they eat folks they're cannibals and then I got confirmed. I went to see a Tarzan movie and I got to lookin at those niggers. I didn't have

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"enough sense to know them was California niggers and I was just upset over my ancestors that was savage enough to go around eating folks and I rushed into that white christian church to pray for them savages. And I said, 'Oh white christian Jesus please forgive my black heathen ancestors for being savages, for being cannibals, Lord.' That's the only mistake I made. I went into this white christian church on the first Sunday, communion Sunday, and this white minister heard me praying for them savages and he said 'Boy, that's a good prayer. Most of you black folks ought to be praying for them savages and cannibals. I sure appreciate that, boy.' I said, 'Thank you Mr. White Minister. I was going to leave now.' He says, 'No, we'd like you to share communion with us.' I said, 'Communion? What's that?' He said, 'Open your mouth.' I said, 'Yes sir.' He said, 'This is his body and this is his blood.' I said, 'I can't believe that in this white christian society you're all cannibals every Sunday.'

You know I'd like for you youngsters to do me a favor. When you go to the library tomorrow or next week, I'd like for you to copy down the Declaration of Independence and keep it in your pocket and never be caught without it. And this summer when the riot season opens up again I'd like for you to do me this favor. Now I would never be sick enough to stand here and ask you to justify violence or a riot but when them niggers start burning towns there's a favor I'd like you all to do me. Get your television set and just put it right in the middle of the house and run and get your mama and your daddy. And you black folks get your aunts and your uncles and old ignorant niggers that think worse than the Ku Klux Klan, please get them too.

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"And if you can get your grandma and grandpa, all of you, that would be groovy. Bring them down and let them see them niggers burning and Huntley and Brinkley be doin their commentaries. And here's what I'd like you to do for me. After you put them right down in front of the television, your grandpa put him under it, I'd like for you to just reach up and take the knob and turn the sound down so you just can't get anything with it. You can just see 'em. And get it down real low and pull out your Declaration of Independence and move way back behind your parents and read it as loud as you can: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal and endowed by the Creator with certain unalienable rights and when these rights are destroyed over long periods of time it is your duty to destroy all violations of that government.'

"I know them old ignorant parents of yours is goin to believe that was a note Stokely Carmichael wrote to Malcolm X. But with a minimum amount of persuasion you can convince 'em that that was a reading from the Declaration of Independence.

"Now the problem is this. We need to have a huge march with the young, a huge white march on Washington to show colored folks that white folks ain't racists? I think that's irrelevant. I think we ought to have a huge white march on Washington and get them to get that Declaration of Independence and change it so it will read white only. 'Cause you see there are a lot of black folks, that's ignorant enough to believe that Thomas Jefferson and Paine and Washington were cats that meant that to qualify for all Americans. We didn't know that they was just for white folks. So maybe if you could change it for us

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"we would read it and we'd know we ain't suppose to have no country. Just you white folks is supposed to have a country with tea. That was a groovy war. In 1968, 85 per cent of Americans don't even drink tea.

"And so I'd say you youngsters have a lot of problems. You know whenever I read the Bible, I love to read that Biblical predication where it says it will come to pass the time when the parents will turn against their own kids. You know I'd never thought I'd see the day in America when we would surpass that Biblical predication, but we have. There will come a time in America that your parents and I never thought I'd see the day, when parents in America would side with the Federal government against their own kids and their kids happen to be right. And I say to you what's wrong with an 18-year-old American sayin, 'Damnit if at 18 years old I'm too young to vote, I should be too young to die.'

"And so I say somewhere down the line you young kids got a heck of a job. One day you got to ask yourself if democracy is as good as we say it is, why are we running all over the world trying to ram it down people's throats with guns? One day when you, youngsters make democracy work right for the first time, that's the day we can bring the guns home. Because anything good we don't have to force on people, they will steal it.

"If you want to force communism not just underground but out of the world, you force democracy to work to the nth degree and communism will not have a leg to stand on. But baby, if you think you goin run all over the world with this old half-time democracy that you got in America your guns ain't big enough to stop communism.

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"Twenty or 30 years ago, black folks and white folks used to talk to one and other, but they wasn't talking about nothing. No. I imagine your parents tell you now. I imagine folks my mama used to work for are still telling their kids: 'I don't know what's wrong with those colored folks, especially Richard. His mama was so nice.' They didn't know my mama was born. They was talkin to my mama but my mama didn't like it. My mama didn't even like those jobs. She stole everything she could. My mama worked for some rich white folks. Go to Africa to do that big game hunting. My mama stole a whole bear. I didn't know my mama could steal like that. She hated them white folks so bad she just chopped up the whole bear. And I wanted to let you white folks in on something. You think them black folks ate lunch out of a good old shopping bag? You better check on it. Just 'cause them old niggers like you, just 'cause they're tomin and acting ignorant around you sayin what you want to hear. Check that Baptist songbook out: 'You got shoes, I got shoes, all God's children got shoes.' Once we get to heaven, what's you got to do is go there if you got to die. They said way back then they had to kill you. No baby, they're just talking. Thirty years ago it was hard to get a black man to sit down and listen to you 'cause 20 to 30 years ago black folks in this country had an empty stomach. Today black folks in this country got a full stomach but a hungry mind. And I'm just sayin one thing. A hungry mind won't tolerate the same things an empty stomach does. Empty stomachs deal on smell and hungry minds deal on sounds and this country don't sound right to us, that's all.

"Three years ago five white boys burned up their draft cards. Within two weeks' time the Congress had pushed through an anti-draft

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"card burning bill, but we can't get an anti-lynching bill pushed through in a hundred years of American history. America just told me she thinks more of a piece of cardboard than she thinks of my black mammy. I'll bring her to her knees for that.

"Twenty or thirty years ago, white folks told black folks the problem with you niggers is education and we had black folks thick enough to believe that. You still have niggers who believe that. Education is not our problem. You're in Vietnam tonight with 688,000 red-blooded Americans with their life to free that Vietnamese and not one white or black American has ever questioned Vietnamese educational standards. That's what we're sayin. We don't question that bond of educational standards and if you want to liberate him, you better not question mine.

"Just stop one day and think how many millions of people would be dead today on the face of the earth if it were not for blood plasma. Are you aware of the fact that an American Negro by the name of Charlie Drew invented blood plasma? Don't take my word for it. Check it out in your libraries. Charlie Drew, American Negro, invented blood plasma. Charlie Drew bled to death in an Atlanta, Georgia, hospital waiting room after an automobile accident because they didn't accept niggers. Oh, never tell us about education, never. A blackman that had the wisdom and knowledge and the education that 'ur supposed to demand, enough of it to give blood plasma to the world, died from the lack of his own invention 'cause his face was black.

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"Why don't you get demonstratin and go on down into the black ghetto and pull your brother up by his boot straps? You say, 'Why don't you give him some boots?'

"And all of these people that talk about morality, you've all got to go and build up your morals. No we ain't got to go do nothin. White folkds tell you that black women in America got 20 per cent illegitimate babies. They ain't lying. We have fun ghettos. White women in America had two per cent illegitimate babies. Well let's get the record straight. Don't you never forget it. If we ever get our hands on your white folks abortion credit cards we will show you how to lie.

"All you fools that run around talking about, 'I wonder why they keep having all them babies; they can't take care of them. They'll end up on relief or welfare or ADC.' We figure relief, welfare and ADC upsets you. Then call it foreign aid. That word don't bother you. And all them babies we have down in that ghetto, we're gonna keep havin, but we'll make a deal with you. The day this dirty, stinkin white system learns how to hire black boys and give us good jobs like it gives you white boys so we can afford all these whores and prostitutes like you, we'll quit having all those babies. Before you come back to us with your old holier than thou stuff, you forget we know about whores 'cause it's my sister. And when she do come back home and talk she tells on you. So we got the same problems. We're both dirty, stinkin and immoral. We got a way we speak dirty. We talk about we don't want these dirty ignorant niggers living next door to us. The property depreciates. Customers always act surprised when you tell them 'What do you mean, Ralph Bunche?'

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"Black folks got to admit we're playing games with these white folks too. You've got to admit that most niggers you know is dirty and stinkin and will depreciate property. But America better understand one thing. She's dirty herself. And one good thing about Hitler is with all of his insanity and sickness they say when he went out to inspect his Nazis concentration camps and smelled them dirty, stinkin Jews, he had enough scruples about himself to realize that that wasn't Judaism he was smelling, that was pure Nazism. And one day you will have to get honest enough with yourself. So when you're sayin 'These dirty niggers,' you'll realize that's America you looking at and that odor you smell was that democracy. And one day when you sweeten up democracy, we'll sweeten up niggers.

"Some of these old racist red-neck crackers I've run across, I could nail 'em to a bullpen. That's why I travel and eat Limburger cheese. I get on a plane; a cracker don't want to sit next to me, but he ain't got no place else. I just stop for lunch--Limburger cheese. He says, 'What is that I smell?' I says, 'Ignorant niggers.'

"And so in closing, let me say to you we don't want no more games. We don't want no civil rights legislation and we don't want no fair housing bills. How come I need a fair housing bill to live next door to you? What kind of animal are you? That old red-neck white Russian cracker broad that came to my country, Stalin's daughter, a known communist and a known Russian. You don't make her get no fair housing bill to live next door to you. How come I got to get one? Those Russian exchange students you bring over here, you're supposed to be scared of the communists.

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"You bring them Russian exchange students over here. They don't want to be citizens; gonna go back to Moscow after they finish their education; might drop a bomb on your mama's house in ten years. You don't make them old white Russian exchange students get no fair housing bill to live near where they want to live. How come we need it?

"If I was in Vietnam tonight and the Viet Cong killed me dead, this old insane nation would give my black woman \$10,000 as a token of its appreciation. Your husband died upholdin the beliefs of this country and my black woman couldn't take that \$10,000 and buy her house in any neighborhood she wanted to buy one in. Maybe I got killed shooting at the wrong cats. Maybe you better understand these insults, we're tired of them.

"Black folks in America die six years younger than white folks. I got six black kids at home. Whenever they sit at the dinner table at the same time I got to go through the pain and misery of looking at 36 dead years that you white folks don't have to listen to. And for the benefit of you CIA and FBI Agents that usually follow me around on lectures, put this in your book and wire it back to Washington quick. You'll get those 36 dead years out of my house only over my dead body. Don't you never forget that.

"I'm sayin we're tired of being insulted. Did you ever stop to realize what black folks have to go through? It's in our head. At night, I go to bed and try to go to sleep and then I got to realize that during World War II a German killed my daddy. 1942, that German killed my daddy. I was ten years old then. In 1968, I'll be 36 years old this year.

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"Insults? Not only was that German killing my daddy make me go 26 years without a daddy, which ain't bad though, you expect daddies to get killed during a war, but the insult is that the same German that killed my daddy in 1942 can come to my daddy's country tonight and live in the neighborhood my daddy's boy can't live in. Man, we will burn this country down house by house.

"And we don't give a damn about this country's attitude because the problem with black folks today is they're thinking too white. You see we do know that if we took this country away from you tonight and put white folks in the same situation for ten years this country has had us in for 100 years you would burn it down to the ground, baby. We know, we don't have to ask you. Look what you're doing in Vietnam. You're burnin Vietnam down to the ground to free a foreigner. We know what you'd do to free your mammy. We don't have to ask you what your behavior would be. So I say to you young folks, I spend 98 percent of my time on college campuses. Why? Because you young kids is the most moral, ethical force that ever lived in the history of this country. And why? I'll tell you why. You're so morally committed. It's possible for Dick Gregory to go back into his hotel, get in bed, go to sleep, the hotel catch fire and I burn to death. That is possible. But it is not possible for Dick Gregory to walk into a hotel that's on fire with intentions of going to sleep. And this hotel's on fire, youngsters, and there are those of you who are not aware of it. I tell you to go to sleep!

"And I hope you youngsters don't make the mistakes that we made when you study in these colleges and universities ahead of you. We were so busy going to college and universities to learn how to make a living we forgot to learn

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"how to live. I promise you if you waste your four years at this or any other institution just learning how to make a living you haven't got a guarantee you can get a job or keep one after you get out. But if you spend these four beautiful years at this or any other institution learning how to live, I guarantee you makin a living will be the easiest thing for you on the face of this earth.

"So the challenge is yours. Solving these problems will not be hard. We've got our heads straight and we've located it. So can't nobody say we don't know where it is. So this is what we're sayin.

"I just came off a 47 day fast. I went on the first 40 day fast last Thanksgiving to New Years. I started the fast off with nothing but distilled water. I started off weighing 152 pounds. I ended weighing 97 pounds. I never went through such misery and torture in my life. Now for me, 36 years old, I'm too old to get drafted and with my political beliefs if I tried to volunteer for the Army, the government would burn my draft card. But I went on that 40 day fast to say to you young folks that there is some older immoral Americans like myself that really appreciate what you're doing and it's just not small talk. I'm sayin thanks to you and don't stop. Just keep doing it.

"I started the second fast Ash Wednesday and was supposed to come off of it Good Friday. But now I intend to keep this fast on now all the way through 'til November 5, Election Day. Now I'm on distilled water, and I'll take nothin but juices and liquids in hopes that you young kids that just started votin don't get caught in that old political trick.

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"Especially that old Bobby Kennedy trick. I hope you will demand that who you vote for will be a politician second and a statesman first.

"In 1964, I couldn't vote because I would never stoop so low as to vote for the lesser of two evils. And that's why I'm a candidate for the Presidency today. To allow people that would never stoop to vote for the lesser of two evils, I'm gonna give them something to vote for if they got any sense. But I'll tell you one thing. Had in 1964, I'd been dirty enough to stoop to vote for the lesser of two evils, you can damn sure betcha that it would have been for Brother Barry Goldwater 'cause the only thing wrong with Goldwater in 1964 was that he dared to be the most honest of the two candidates. I mean I could of stomached Bobby Kennedy had he just been honest with the young folks and just told you pointblank that 'LBJ is a hawk; McCarthy is a dove; and I'm a chicken.' Had he just been honest enough to tell you that he was scared of messin up his political chances so he didn't want to buck LBJ. So after McCarthy went out there and took him on and the effect of what you young kids had been doing showed tco and Bobby stood up and said, 'So I admit I was wrong and I was a chicken, but now I realize my daddy's richer than McCarthy. We can buy more votes than he can and I got more money than him. I might look a little bit better than him and I talk stranger than he talks and I think I can appeal to more stupid Americans.' He wasn't even that honest with you. What did he say? 'The only reason I didn't come into the race was 'cause I didn't want to split the Democratic Party.' A five-year-old maladjusted baby got enough sense to know if he had the opportunity to split the moon and become President, he'd split the sun to make sure he'd get it.

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"In this country you're too young to vote so that the Democrats and Republicans don't have to listen to you. But I guarantee you one thing if you're sincere about ending that war in Vietnam. If enough of you young kids stop getting a haircut, although you can't vote, the barbers will have to come out in the streets and demonstrate, they vote. Enough of you young folks decide you're not going to shave 'til that war's over in Vietnam, I guarantee you one thing. Some old gal, 75 years old, don't care nothin about Vietnam but she owns 15,000 shares of Gillette Blue Blades, she got to get in a picket line. Enough of you young kids decide you're not going to wear nothin but work clothes 'til that war's over in Vietnam. Baby, you're going to upset the garment industry. And when you get this garment industry on your side, talk about ending the war! You'd be surprised how much power you have in your hands, non-violent power. If you use it you can do anything you want to do. It's a groovy thing you young kids demonstrating against Dow Chemical and sayin, 'We don't want you to make no more Napalm' but Dow Chemical makes about 200 other products for the house. Those little old tissue papers you wipe your eyeglasses with, that's Dow Chemical. The same one that makes the Napalm bomb. That Dial soap you kids washin up with Dial soap so you can rush out and demonstrate against Dow Chemical. You tell Dow Chemical that if they don't hurry up and quit making Napalm you ain't gonna buy any more Dial soap, baby. You'd be surprised how quick they'd get out of the Napalm business."

"Now let me drop this on you for what it is worth. If you really want the war to end, you really don't want to play no games, you take what you have to do. Now I've been smoking cigarettes since I was 13 years old."

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"I quit six months ago when I read an article in the paper where the Federal government said it was going to supply the local law enforcement agencies with all of the Mace they needed to stop peace demonstrations. So that kind of upset me and I went home and I did my homework and I checked it out and I found out that every time I buy a pack of cigarettes I pay eight cents Federal tax immediately. At the end of the year, the cigarette industry gives the government two billion dollars. At that point, I decided I would never catch cancer and buy Mace and Napalm at the same time.

"If you youngsters want to end that war in Vietnam, you see up until six months ago I was smoking three to four packs of cigarettes a day. You want to end that war in Vietnam? When you smoke that last cigarette outta your pack, you take that empty pack and you mail it into the cigarette company and you put a little note with it: 'Dear Cigarette Industry, I'm not gonna smoke or buy another cigarette and I'm gonna entice my friends not to smoke or buy another cigarette 'til the war's over in Vietnam. Not to mention what it's gonna do for my chest.' I guarantee you when that cigarette industry realizes that the Vietnamese getting free means that they might have to go bankrupt they will hurry up, fly to Washington, D. C., kick LBJ's door in, and smack that barbeque sauce off his mouth. I guarantee you that within six weeks' time the boys will be coming home from Vietnam.

Let's also understand you not only have the power to shape your future, it's bigger than that, you have the power to shape the future and the destiny of the entire world. And I get around the world and there's a whole lot of young folks even in communist countries

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"that would love to follow your lead because your makin a lot of noise and it's gettin out. I mean more news is getting out of the country on how beautiful you are than is getting in here to you.

"So I say to you; oh, before I run I want to remind you about my two books. The first book is Nigger . This book has really come in handy for me. I never will forget I was demonstratin once and a sheriff came up and slapped me down and picked me up and looked me in the eye and said, "How you doin, Nigger?" I said, 'Niggers doin all right.' And it is, four million copies. The height of my ambition is to put Nigger in every home. So for those of you that use the word nigger I want you to always know that you'll be advertising my book.

"This is my new book that's been out for about two months. It is a very important book, probably one of the most important books on the market today. It's called The Shadow That Scares You. I'm not asking you to buy this one. Go to the library and check this one out. Read it; dig it; steal it.

"So again I say it was a pleasure to be here. I wish I didn't have to fly back to New York.

"I don't know, but they tell me there was rumors out that Dick Gregory was arrested. I hope that if the police arrested any colored cat today they thought it was me. Please go back to the station and when he tells you 'I ain't Dick Gregory,' be cool. I hope you all let him go.

"And again I say to you youngsters, stay as pure as you are because you put a lot of trust in old immoral cats like me but for

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"the first time I got something morally pure to see and look at that I never had before in this country. And I say to all of you, thank you and may God bless you. Just look around. Look at the crowd that's here. This is Saturday, we're usually out shooting marbles or raisin hell or something. What did you come here for? You come to hear a message and you got it, right? Okay, look at the old people, the elderly people, they're out cookin usually somewhere but they're here too. You know why? Because they wanted to hear the message and they got the message. So go home and think about it. Good-bye."

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FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511)(P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RM
OO: CHICAGO

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Re Seattle letter and LHM, dated 6/21/68.

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Copies of this LHM are being disseminated locally to United States Secret Service by FD-376, and to MIG, OSI, and NISO by FD-342. One copy is also being furnished USA, Seattle. SE T-1 is (U)
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SEATTLE DIVISION
At Olympia, Washington

Will follow developments in this matter and keep Bureau and Chicago advised.

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- 1-Chicago (ENC. 1)(REG)(157-347)
- 3-Seattle (2-157-511)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

June 27, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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U. S. Secret Service, Seattle (RM)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Seattle, Washington 98104
June 27, 1968

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The information below supplements that contained
in the memorandum under this title dated June 21, 1968.

On June 26, 1968, SE T-1, who has furnished
reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted]
known to source as a member of the Communist Party (CP), that
date said the CP was going to participate in a demonstration in
front of the Thurston County Court House, Olympia, Washington,
on Saturday, June 29, 1968, at noon. She explained this
demonstration is to be incident to the confinement of subject,
and it is expected CP elements from Seattle and Tacoma will
join those from Olympia in making up the CP contingent. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ENCLOSURE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (157-946) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka
RM

OO - CHICAGO

DATE: 6/28/68

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau dated 3/29/68.

For the information of the Bureau and Chicago, GREGORY did not appear at East Texas State University (ETSU) on 5/1/68, as was indicated. Contact was maintained with Dr. JOHN KOLDUS, Dean of Students, and [redacted] as well as Sheriff R. L. WOOD, Hunt County, Texas, and there were no indications that GREGORY's not appearing had any effect on the student body. On 5/15/68, Dr. KOLDUS stated that the matter had been handled through contact with reliable students, and since there had been no overtures made by the University to GREGORY, there was no difficulty experienced.

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The Bureau's attention is being directed to Bureau file 157-9400, entitled AFRO American Student Society, East Texas State University (ETSU), Commerce, Hunt County, Texas, RM, Dallas OO; and a matter entitled Demonstration East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas 4/5/68, RM; OO Dallas, which was reported by Dallas airtel dated 4/8/68, which would indicate that many of the Negro students at the University were not satisfied but there was no connection between this matter and the two above described investigations.

This matter is RUC Dallas.

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2 - Chicago (157-347) (RM)
1 - Dallas
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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND CHICAGO (157-347)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, ⁰ *RACIAL MATTER* RM. 00: CG.

DATE 1-30-80

TO WASHINGTON STATE

GOVERNOR DANIEL EVANS, ADVISED JUNE TWENTY SIXTY-EIGHT THAT ON JUNE NINETEEN, LAST, GOVERNOR EVANS TURNED DOWN A PLEA OF RICHARD GREGORY FOR A PARDON FROM HIS NINETY DAY SENTENCE IN THURSTON COUNTY JAIL AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON. [] ALSO ADVISED A SMALL NUMBER OF INDIANS, NOT OVER TWENTY-FIVE, BEGAN A VIGIL ON JUNE TWENTY INSTANT ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE ON THE STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS, OLYMPIA, IN PROTEST TO GREGORY'S CONVICTION.

ON JUNE TWENTY INSTANT, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT THE INDIANS AT THE ABOVE VIGIL HAD BEEN JOINED BY A NUMBER OF COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MEMBERS FROM BOTH TACOMA AND OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AND THAT THE CP WAS

PLANNING ON CREATING ANOTHER RESURRECTION CITY ON THE STATE

CAPITOL GROUNDS. SOURCE ADVISED THAT AS OF THIS DATE TWO TENIS HAD

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FRED DERICK, CHIEF OF POLICE, OLYMPIA, ADVISED JUNE TWENTY
INSTANT THAT NO DISTURBANCES OR VIOLENCE HAS OCCURRED IN CONNECTION
WITH THE CURRENT VIGIL.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

RE SEATTLE LETTER JUNE TEN LAST. ABOVE

SOURCE IS

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FOLLOWS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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cc-MR. TRAINOR
ROOM 836 9&D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 7/2/68

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RM
OO: CHICAGO

Re Seattle letter and LHM, dated 6/27/68, and
Seattle teletype dated 6/29/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and
for the Chicago Office one copy of a LHM containing information
supplementary to that in prior memoranda under this title. A
copy of this LHM is being designated for the Miami Office in
view of GREGORY's remark about demonstrating against Governor
DAN EVANS there during the Republican National Convention.

Dissemination of this LHM is being made locally by
FD-342 to OSI, NISO, MIG, and to U.S. Secret Service by FD-376.
Appropriate local officials were notified of the information in
the LHM of 6/27/68 when it was received from [redacted]

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At Olympia, Washington

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
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July 2, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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John Edgar Hoover
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U. S. Secret Service , Seattle(RM)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Seattle, Washington 98104
July 2, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The information herein supplements that in the memorandum under this title dated June 27, 1968:

A Special Agent of the FBI observed approximately forty to fifty individuals participating in a non-violent march around the Thurston County Courthouse, across from the State Capitol grounds, Olympia, Washington, for approximately one hour during the early afternoon of June 29, 1968. Persons in the march carried signs protesting the incarceration of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. No disturbance was noted.

[redacted] Thurston County Sheriff's Office, advised that no violence or arrests occurred in connection with this demonstration.

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[redacted] further advised that on the evening of June 28, 1968, a sit-in on the Capitol grounds by a number of Indians was terminated by Washington State Patrol Troopers through dismantling of three tepees and four tents belonging to the Indians. The arrests of nine persons followed as a result of resisting police officers during the dismantling. Eight of those arrested were juveniles. The sit-in was mainly in protest of rights of Indians, along with a protest of GREGORY's sentencing and jailing.

An item in the June 29, 1968 issue of the Seattle Times, a Seattle newspaper of general circulation, under the caption "Protests Continue in Olympia," stated with respect to the dismantling of the tents which had been erected on the Capitol grounds:

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"Earlier, State Patrol Chief WILL BACHOFNER said that if police had not removed the encampment Friday night, 'it would have been moved by the citizens of the town'".

The June 30, 1968 issue of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, a Seattle newspaper of general circulation, carried an article under the title, "GREGORY Invites EVANS to Jail," in which GREGORY is said to have transmitted a letter by way of his wife to Governor DAN EVANS of Washington State inviting EVANS to visit him in his jail cell "or I'll have no alternative but to lead demonstrations against you at the Republican National Convention in Miami." The article continues:

"I hope you will find time to come over during your lunch hour one day to discuss with me the problems of Indians and other minority groups," GREGORY said.

"GREGORY, who has gone without food and taken only distilled water since he entered his cell June 7, told EVANS he intends to serve his full 90-day sentence and 'continue my fast until I am released to demonstrate to the world the problems confronted by my Indian brothers'".

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM SEATTLE (157-511) /1PG/

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY; RM; OO:CG.

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SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FBI OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY FORTY TO FIFTY INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN NON-VIOLENT MARCH AROUND THURSTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ACROSS FROM STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR EARLY AFTERNOON OF 6/29/68. PERSONS IN MARCH CARRIED SIGNS PROTESTING CONTINUING INCARCERATION OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY.

[REDACTED] THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF, ADVISED NO VIOLENCE OR ARRESTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS DEMONSTRATION.

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT ON EVENING OF 6/28/68, A SIT-IN AT THE CAPITOL GROUNDS BY A NUMBER OF INDIANS WAS TERMINATED BY TROOPERS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL THROUGH DISMANTLING OF THREE TEPEES AND FOUR TENTS BELONGING TO THE INDIANS; THE ARRESTS OF NINE PERSONS FOLLOWED AS A RESULT OF RESISTING POLICE OFFICERS DURING THE DISMANTLING. EIGHT OF THOSE ARRESTED WERE JUVENILES. SIT-IN WAS MAINLY IN PROTEST OF RIGHTS OF INDIANS, ALONG WITH PROTEST OF GREGORY'S SENTENCING.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA: RE SEATTLE LET 6/27/68; SA WHO OBSERVED DEMONSTRATION IS SA ROBERT H. WICK; LHM FOLLOWS. CG ADVISED AM.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P) ~~CHICAGO~~

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.
RACIAL MATTERS
OO: Chicago

Re Chicago tel to Bureau and WFO 7/18/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. An information copy of the LHM is being sent to WFO in view of investigation being conducted by that division, and to Seattle for information.

The source referred to in the LHM is the

The [] used in contacting subject's residence

A copy of this LHM is being furnished to the United States Attorney and Secret Service, Chicago, and to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The Bureau will be promptly advised of further pertinent developments in this matter.

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DATE FORW: 7-23-68
BY: []

C. C. - Bishop
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Special Agent in Charge

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-347

Chicago, Illinois
July 19, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On July 18, 1968, a source, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that Dick Gregory returned to his residence in Chicago on the evening of July 17, 1968, following his early release from jail in Olympia, Washington. Gregory now claims he will soon visit several foreign countries, including a number of African nations, as well as Russia, China and Cuba. He said he would be travelling in his capacity as a presidential candidate.

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On [redacted] at Gregory's Chicago residence, 1451 East 55th Street was contacted under a [redacted] said that [redacted]

[redacted]
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He was pleased to be back in Chicago and was at that time visiting a number of friends in the city.

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U.S. Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group,
Evanston, Illinois

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511)(P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RM

(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Seattle letter and LHM 7/2/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies,
and for the Chicago Office one (1) copy of a LHM containing
current developments in GREGORY's case.

Information resulting from the subject's press
conference at Tacoma on 7/17/68 was obtained through casual
inquiry by SA [redacted] at the Tacoma News Tribune,
a Tacoma, Washington, daily paper of general circulation.

Copies of this LHM are being made available locally
by FD-342 to NISO, OSI, MIG, and USA, Seattle, and by FD-376
to United States Secret Service.

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At Seattle, Tacoma,
and Olympia, Washington

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Will follow subject's activities through established
and public sources, and keep the Bureau and Chicago Office
advised.

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BY: E.D. T. G. P. C.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
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July 17, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Seattle, Washington
July 17, 1968

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The information herein is supplementary to that contained in memoranda under this title dated at Seattle, Washington, July 2, 1968, and prior thereto.

A news article in the July 17, 1968, issue of the Seattle Post Intelligencer, a Seattle, Washington, morning paper of general circulation, in an article captioned "Gregory Freed as 'Trusty' for Last 15 Days," reflects that GREGORY had been released from Thurston County Jail, Olympia, Washington, on July 16, 1968, as a "trusty-at-large" by order of Superior Court Judge HEWITT A. HENRY. GREGORY is quoted as saying his eating would be resumed gradually under the direction of a doctor, and that he intended to spend at least several days in the State of Washington, living with [redacted] in his Tacoma, Washington, home [redacted]

On July 17, 1968, [redacted] County Jail, said the release order on GREGORY is tantamount to an unconditional discharge, although, technically, he is still "serving" the remaining portion of his sentence. There are no apparent restrictions on any travel GREGORY wishes to undertake.

At a press conference held by GREGORY on July 17, 1968, at Tacoma, he stated he would continue his efforts in behalf of the American Indian, this being, in his opinion, the number one problem facing the American people today. GREGORY placed this even ahead of the "black man's struggles," and said he hoped the Indians would not get as militant as the Negroes.

GREGORY did not enlarge on any immediate plans. He dismissed the possibility of his participation in a demonstration against Washington Governor DAN EVANS at the Republican National Convention. He stated this was a personal issue between himself

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and EVANS. He further advised that from what he has seen in the State of Washington, this state is ahead of other states in solving racial problems. He stated he is the Presidential candidate for the Peace and Freedom Party. His plans for the future include a world tour to visit North Korea and talk to the crew of the Pueblo. He also said he plans to visit North Vietnam, Russia, and Red China.

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TO DIRECTOR /100-440423/ WFO

WFO VIA BUREAU

FROM CHICAGO /157-347/ /P/

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

SOURCE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THIS DATE DICK GREGORY RETURNED TO HIS

RESIDENCE IN CHICAGO, EVENING OF JULY SEVENTEEN LAST. FOLLOWING
HIS EARLY RELEASE FROM JAIL IN OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON. GREGORY
NOW CLAIMS HE WILL SOON VISIT SEVERAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES INCLUDING
AFRICAN NATIONS, RUSSIA, CHINA AND CUBA, IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRES-
IDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

[REDACTED] AT GREGORY'S CHICAGO RESIDENCE, CONTACTED

UNDER [REDACTED]

SAID, [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE

ABOVE SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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MILITARY-ADVISED.

USA, SECRET SERVICE, CHICAGO, TO BE ADVISED BY LHM WHICH FOLLOWS.
CHICAGO FOLLOWING.

GREGORY HAS PASSPORT VALID UNTIL NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, WITH
RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO CHINA AND CUBA.

WFO RECHECK PASSPORT OFFICE, STATE DEPARTMENT, FOR ANY

PERTINENT DATA RE GREGORY.

E-CORR L 5 LST WRD SHD BE GREGORY

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MR. TRAINOR
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TO: THE PRESIDENT

TO: SECRETARY OF STATE

TO: DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, WELL-KNOWN COMEDIAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT GREGORY

ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, GREGORY HAS STATED

HOWEVER, GREGORY

MAY MENTION THIS BELIEF IN FORTHCOMING SPEECHES.

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TELETYPE TO PRESIDENT, ET AL.
RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

~~(C O N F I D E N T I A L)~~

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SOURCE ALSO ADVISES GREGORY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GREGORY CLAIMS TO BE A PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATE AND INDICATED HE HAS FILED SUIT IN U. S. DISTRICT
COURT, WASHINGTON, D. C., REQUESTING HE BE BRIEFED BY PRESIDENT
JOHNSON, ALONG WITH OTHER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

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ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, GREGORY HAS STATED [REDACTED]

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MAY MENTION THIS BELIEF IN FORTHCOMING SPEECHES.

SOURCE ALSO ADVISES GREGORY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Domestic Intelligence Division

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Date 7/25/68

Attached relates to Richard Claxton Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights activist. Among other things, Gregory

Pertinent parts of attached furnished White House, State, Central Intelligence Agency, military, and Secret Service, by teletype. Copy of attached also furnished Inter-Division Information Unit of Department, and Attorney General.

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FBI WASH DC

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100-440423-
TO DIRECTOR (100-44023) AND BOSTON
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) 4P

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Bishop ✓
Mr. Casper ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. Felt ✓
Mr. Gale ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Sullivan ✓
Mr. Tavel ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. *RACIAL MATTER - BLACK NATIONALIST*
RM-- BNT.

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SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST,
ADVISES GREGORY

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SOURCE UNABLE TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL
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DETAILS ITINERARY OTHER THAN GREGORY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SOURCE

SOURCE REPORTED GREGORY STATED [REDACTED]

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IN FORTHCOMING SPEECHES. SOURCE REITERATED [REDACTED]
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SOURCE NOTED [REDACTED]
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SOURCE IS

[REDACTED]

GREGORY CLAIMED

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GREGORY NOTED

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END PAGE THREE

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MILITARY ADVISED, USA AND SECRET SERVICE WILL BE ADVISED
memo
BY LHM WHICH FOLLOWS.

NYO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN GREGORY'S ITINERARY THROUGH

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WFO ASCERTAIN IF GREGORY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CHICAGO WILL ASCERTAIN IF GREGORY CAN LEAVE US WITH
DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND ASSAULTING POLICE OFFICER SENTENCE OF
NINETY DAYS STILL UNSERVED. GREGORY'S APPEAL THIS SENTENCE.
RECENTLY DENIED.

AM COPIES TO WFO, NEW YORK, AND SPRINGFIELD.

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CC MR. SULLIVAN

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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1100AM URGENT 7-26-68 MCG
TO DIRECTOR 100-44023, NEW YORK AND CHICAGO
FROM BOSTON 157-386 LP

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM DASH BNT.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND BOSTON JULY TWENTYFIVE LAST.

INQUIRY TODAY AT

IT APPEARS GREGORY'S

BOSTON WILL MONITOR ABOVE SHOWS AND FURNISH RESULTS BY

APPROPRIATE MEANS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423) *7-1 AN*

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1121) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RM
(OO:CG)ReCGteletype to Director dated 7/18/68 and WFOlet
to Director dated 2/15/68.On 7/22/68, the passport file of captioned
individual was reviewed by SA [redacted] and no
additional information was contained in the file since the
date it was last reviewed 2/6/68.On 7/22/68, [redacted] Validation Section,
Domestic Intelligence Division, Passport Office, advised
that her office has no record of request for validation by
subject.LEADWASHINGTON FIELDAT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will also review security files
at State Department when files become available and will
forward results.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *WJG* SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (62-New) C

DATE: 8/2/68

SUBJECT:
INFORMATION CONCERNING

af
Dick Gregory

and
Enclosed herewith are an original and four copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning information furnished by who is presently under development as a PSI in the Albuquerque Division.

Background information concerning is being obtained, and when complete information is available, a communication will be sent to the Bureau requesting permission to designate as a PSI.

has furnished information on a voluntary basis for a considerable period of time, and the information he has furnished has been found to be reliable.

The letterhead memorandum is being marked confidential because the unauthorized disclosure of the information furnished by this source could reasonably result in the identification of the source and his continuing value would be thereby impaired. Such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the National Defense interests of the country.

The information concerning set forth in the letterhead memorandum has been sent, by separate communication, to the Phoenix and San Francisco Offices.

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☒ info ☐ action
date *8/16/68*
by *WJG*

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1 - Albuquerque

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Albuquerque, New Mexico
August 2, 1968

[Redacted]

Information Concerning

Califs

B. Appox

[Redacted]

A confidential source has advised an agent of the
Albuquerque Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
that [Redacted] was in [Redacted] on or about
[Redacted] was traveling with a [Redacted]
known as [Redacted] who was described as follows:

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Arizona

Race
Sex
Hair
Age
Height

White
Female
Blond

✓

[Redacted]

The two were traveling in a
bearing, unknown [Redacted]

[Redacted] related to the source that he has recently
taken part [Redacted]

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also stated that [Redacted]

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[redacted] informed this source that [redacted]

[redacted] also stated that [redacted]

During conversations with [redacted] the latter stated [redacted]

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[redacted] contacted this source by long distance telephone call and subsequently met this source at [redacted]

During conversations in [redacted] stated that [redacted]

As [redacted] was leaving [redacted] he stated to the source that [redacted]

The source described [redacted] as follows:

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[REDACTED]

Race
Sex
Age
Height
Weight
Hair
Complexion
Miscellaneous

White
Male

[REDACTED]

Approximately 140 to 150 pounds
Brown, cut short
Fair

[REDACTED]

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28
/ 40

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Albuquerque, New Mexico
August 2, 1968

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Character INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference Memorandum from Albuquerque, dated
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CG 157-347

A copy of this LHM is being furnished to the USA and U.S. Secret Service, Chicago and to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. Will contact appropriate sources in effort to verify GREGORY's

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

July 29, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On July 25, 1968, a source, who has
furnished reliable information in the past, said that

[Redacted]

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Gregory now claims that

[Redacted]

The above source was unable to furnish
additional details concerning the itinerary of Gregory's

[Redacted]

Gregory plans to

[Redacted]

Source

said

Source said

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

This source said further that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Source said that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] source

stressed that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
conversation Gregory claims that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Gregory has said that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

In conversation Gregory claims to have
[REDACTED]

Gregory also claims that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

[REDACTED]

On July 26 1968 the above source further
advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Gregory further stated that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Again source
stressed that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Gregory also said that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished
to the following agencies:

United States Secret Service,
Chicago, Illinois

United States Attorney,
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military
Intelligence Group,
Evanston, Illinois

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ANALYSIS IN WASH

FROM : AMEMBASSY LONDON

DATE: June 19, 1968

SUBJECT: Request for Intervention in U.S. Court
Sentence of Mr. Dick Gregory

REF :

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There is enclosed a copy of a letter received from Canon Collins of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, which is self-explanatory.

In the event that the Department wishes to look into the matter, it would be appreciated if any decision reached could be communicated to the Embassy so that it may follow up the brief acknowledgment made to Canon Collins' letter.

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Enclosure:
Copy of letter

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FORM 4-62 DS-323

Drafted by:

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International Defence and Aid

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PRESIDENT:

The Reverend Canon L. John Collins

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Mr. Ole Bang

Vice-President - Danish Council for Southern Africa

Drs. Pieter Gille

Secretary - Netherlands Defence and Aid Fund

Mr. George Houser

Executive Director - American Committee on Africa

2 AMEN COURT, LONDON, E.C.4

Telephone: 01-606 6123

Co-ordinating Secretary: Jan Hoogendyk

In reply please quote

14th June, 1968

John Collins,

The wife of Mr. Dick Gregory telephoned me yesterday to tell me that her husband has been sentenced to imprisonment for 90 days, in connection with his part in the negro Civil Rights Movement. Mr. Gregory had undertaken to take part in a Concert, to be given at the Albert Hall on June 26th, on behalf of the International Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa. I would be immensely grateful if you should feel able to intervene, and to obtain for Mr. Gregory either a remission of his prison sentence or his pardon so that he might be able to fulfil his promise of coming to London; I would suggest that such an intervention might be justified on the ground that the majority of British people would find it difficult to understand how your country, which they regard as one devoted to freedom, should imprison a man committed to non-violence, whose only offence would seem to be a desire to obtain for the negroes of the United States of America their freedom and just rights.

Please forgive me for making such an unusual request. But I did not wish to have to disappoint so many people who will have looked forward to Mr. Gregory's appearance on the platform at the Albert Hall on June 26th. His name, as you may have seen, has already been publicly announced as one of the artists to be giving their services free on this special occasion.

with best wishes

John Collins
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L. John Collins.

His Excellency,

The Ambassador to the United States of America,
United States Embassy,
Grosvenor Square,
London, W.1.

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EX-105 Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

RE: **RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY**
RACIAL MATTERS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns a subject (or subjects) who may be traveling abroad or planning to do so.

☒ I will appreciate receiving any pertinent information concerning the subject's (or subjects') activities while abroad.

☐ The travel may include countries covered by the Legal Attache (or Attaches) checked below who will contact appropriate security services in those countries to receive any pertinent information they may develop.

☐ Bern
☐ Bonn
☐ London
☐ Paris
☐ Rome

☐ Buenos Aires
☐ Mexico, D. F.
☐ Santo Domingo
☐

☐ Hong Kong
☐ Manila
☐ Tokyo
☐ Ottawa

Reports concerning the subject (or subjects) ☒ have been ☐ are being furnished to you under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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2 - Office of Origin **Chicago (157-347)**

2 - Legal Attache - Enc. ()

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Attention: ☐ Legat ☐ Legats - Alert sources so as to receive pertinent information regarding subject, including advance information concerning travel plans to other countries. (C) Notify appropriate Legat(s) of such travel plans. Information in enclosures may be furnished to your sources. Subject ☐ is ☐ is not in Security Index.

☒ Office of Origin - Will verify travel if subject has not already left and will be alert for return from abroad, notifying Bureau by memorandum for dissemination.

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this communication becomes unclassified.)

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Director
Central Intelligence Agency

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Gregory is a nationally known comedian and civil rights activist. His name is included in the Agitator Index. Subject recently completed 45 days of a 90-day jail sentence in Olympia, Washington, for violation of the state game laws. Gregory was released as a "trustee at large."

Enclosed is Chicago memorandum dated 7/29/68 which contains information concerning Gregory's world tour to begin 8/20/68. The contents of this memorandum have been furnished to State and CIA by teletype and the Department is aware. This communication is being submitted to CIA so that a specific request may be made to furnish information concerning Gregory's activities while abroad. Inasmuch as State and the Department are in possession of this information, they are not being advised separately at this time. ~~C~~ (U)

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Date: 7/29/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RM

(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago teletype, 7/25/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM), dated and captioned as above. Information copies of the LHM are being sent to WFO, Boston and New York in view of investigation being conducted by those offices, and to Springfield for the information of that division.

The source referred to in the LHM is b7D

As noted in retel. GREGORY told source that he

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1 - Chicago AGENCY: ACSI, NIC, OSI, SFO, BENV, STATE
DEPT: ISD, IDIU, CTA

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HOW FORW: R-5

DATE FORW: 8-2-68

BY: EMT-joo

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AUG 7/1968

C. C. Bishop
Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)
 FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-386)
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
 RM
 (OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago teletype to Director and Boston, 7/25/68;
 Boston teletype to Director, New York and Chicago, 7/26/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies of a LHM, and for Chicago two copies, dated and captioned as above. Information copies of the LHM are being furnished to New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco in the event future investigation is conducted by those offices concerning the subject.

Copies of the LHM are also being disseminated locally to the 108th MI Group, NISO, Secret Service and the U. S. Attorney, all Boston, Mass., in accordance with Bureau policy of dissemination.

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C. C. Bishop

HOW FORW: R/S
 DATE FORW: 8/6/68
 BY: Eng. Jank

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

August 2, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On August 1, 1968, Dick Gregory appeared on the Jerry Williams television program, Station WBZ, Boston, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and on the Jerry Williams radio show on the same station from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the same date. Both programs are talk shows which encourage telephonic questions from the public at large.

On the morning show Gregory appeared with Jules Feifer (phonetic), a well known cartoonist, and on the evening show with James Farmer, former Chairman of the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE), who was in telephonic contact with the program from New York City.

Gregory's remarks generally criticized the United States as being a racist country which had no right to be engaged in the war in Vietnam. He discussed his write-in candidacy for President in the coming election and his book "Write Me In" which has just been published and which explains in detail his candidacy and his program for solving United States problems.

Gregory was wearing coveralls and a self-conferred peace medal, and stated he would not shave nor wear conventional dress until the war in Vietnam has ended. He discussed his recent conviction of ninety days in jail in the State of Washington in connection with his protest concerning unjust laws of that State against American Indians there.

He stated that he is on the ballot in the State of Pennsylvania representing the Peace and Freedom Party, and in the near future he expects to go to California to address the Peace and Freedom Party there in the hope of getting on the ballot in that State representing that party. He stated that by getting on

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the ballot in several states he hopes to demand equal time on television as other presidential candidates.

Gregory stated that he has instituted court action to force the administration to brief him in the same manner as the other six white presidential candidates. He stated that the administration has refused to offer him Secret Service protection as it has the other presidential candidates including Harold Stassen whose Secret Service protection unit constitutes his largest crowd.

Gregory described himself as a integrationist and not a black nationalist, but stated he was in sympathy with the black nationalists because, as things are at the present time, the Constitution is not working to bridge the gap between whites and blacks, and, if it comes to the point where he believes no further progress can be made towards integration, then he will join with the black nationalists.

Gregory stated that he expects to get the most write-in votes of any of the presidential candidates, in which case he will consider himself elected President of the United States in exile and will set up his office in Washington, D. C.

Gregory stated that in this capacity he expects to handle grievances against the United States Government by people who were not successful in originally referring these grievances to the administration in power.

Gregory made the comment that he believes that Chicago will be the most violent city in the nation this summer mainly because the Democratic National Convention is being held there. He stated that he had hoped that "We could slip through the summer without violence", but that it does not look as though this will happen.

Gregory stated that since his request to be briefed as a presidential candidate has been refused by

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the administration, he feels compelled to make a world tour of his own to obtain the necessary information.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44023)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093) (P)
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka
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ReCGtel to Bureau, 7/25/68.

On 7/31/68

[redacted], 608 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised that he had received information from Chicago that DICK GREGORY had been in contact with the Territorial Representative of Pakistan International Airlines in Chicago, one [redacted] office telephone # 312-272-0217, home telephone [redacted] GREGORY indicated that he planned to travel abroad sometime in the month of August and that his itinerary would include the following cities:

Leave from New York, Kennedy Airport
London, England
Paris, France
Geneva, Switzerland
Frankfurt, Germany
Berlin, Germany
Moscow, USSR
Istanbul, East Pakistan
Karachi, West Pakistan
Beriut, Lebanon
Accra, Ghana
Lagos, Nigeria
Madrid, Spain
Mexico City, Mexico
Return to New York, Kennedy Airport.

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[] further advised that GREGORY had indicated a desire to travel to Havana, Cuba, North Korea and North Vietnam. GREGORY was advised that it was impossible to book passage to these countries from the U.S., and that if he desired to travel there, arrangements would have to be made once he left the U.S.

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[] stated that no concrete arrangements had been made between GREGORY and his company. He recommended that contact be made with [] in Chicago for more complete details of GREGORY's travels. He stated that, if for any reason [] was uncooperative, he would telephonically contact her and remedy this situation.

New York will contact [] and [] who are familiar with GREGORY's activities in an effort to ascertain more complete details regarding his travel plans.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-5822) P

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RM

OO:CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 7/29/68.

Contact with appropriate sources in this Division, including liaison sources, racial informants, and sources in real estate field have failed to reflect any information confirming or negating the possibility that subject will move his immediate family to the St. Louis area.

Inasmuch as subject was born and raised in St. Louis and most of his relatives still reside in the area, he might logically consider the possibility of housing his family with, or in the vicinity of, one of these relatives:

Subject's [redacted] age approximately [redacted] was last known to be residing with her husband at [redacted] St. Louis. Another [redacted] age about [redacted] is apparently still unmarried and was last known to be residing with the [redacted]

[redacted] subject's [redacted] was fired last week from his job at St. Louis Job Corps Center where he was employed as an [redacted]. He also resides in St. Louis.

Subject's mother, LUCILLE GREGORY, age about 64, is presumed to be alive and in the St. Louis area, although her exact whereabouts is not known.

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St. Louis Division will continue attempts to determine details of subject's anticipated move to St. Louis. The Bureau and Chicago will be promptly advised.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 8/19/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-1121) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
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Chicago airtel to Director, dated 7/29/68 and
Chicago teletype to Director and Boston, dated 7/25/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 and to Chicago
2 copies of an LHM captioned as above.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. WFO is awaiting the
availability of security files regarding subject, United
States Department of State, will review and forward results
to Chicago.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

August 19, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On August 2, 1968, the records of the United States District Court, Washington, D. C., revealed that Gregory instituted an action entitled "Dick Gregory vs. Dean Rusk; et al" subsequently filed by the Clerk of the Court on May 23, 1968 as Civil Action Number 1243-68.

The complaint alleges that the plaintiff, Gregory, has been discriminated against as a presidential candidate by the said defendants on the basis of race.

The relief sought by the plaintiff, identified as Dick Gregory, 1451 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois, is by way of a complaint for injunction against defendants who are identified as:

Lyndon Baines Johnson, President of United States.

Dean Rusk, Secretary of State.

Nicholas deB Katzenbach, Under Secretary of State.

The nature of the relief sought is by way of a preliminary and permanent injunction whereby the plaintiff requests the court to issue an order:

(A) Enjoining defendants from refusing any information made available to the "preferred six" other candidates for President on equal terms with equal privileges; or

(B) In the alternative directing defendants to cease forthwith from making available in any way any said information to said "preferred six" and

(C) Granting such other further relief as the court deems just.

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On June 3, 1968, United States District Chief Judge, Edward M. Curran, United States District Court, Washington, D. C., ordered that the complaint against the President of the United States be dismissed. This order was filed with the court on June 4, 1968.

The record also revealed that service of process has been completed with respect to:

Dean Rusk, Secretary of State.

Nicholas deB Katzenbach, Under Secretary of State.

Ramsey Clark, United States Attorney General.

The above have filed answers with the court and the proceedings^{b6}
are pending.^{b7C}

The record listed Gregory's attorneys as [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] N.W., Washington,
D. C.

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Date: 8/26/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423) DB
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka
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On 8/26/68, [redacted] (reliable) advised that [redacted] of DICK GREGORY, and [redacted] had stated that GREGORY was planning to attend the National Black Power Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., scheduled for August 29 - September 1, 1968. [redacted] did not know the exact times which GREGORY would be in Philadelphia. Source stated that GREGORY is supposed to visit [redacted] either on 8/26 or 8/27/68 and will stay at [redacted] residence, [redacted] at that time. Informant stated he expects to be in contact with GREGORY if GREGORY [redacted] (U)

On 8/26/68, [redacted] and [redacted] could furnish no information on this matter. (U)

On 8/26/68, [redacted] British Overseas Airways (BOAC), NYC, advised telephonically that according to the records of BOAC, GREGORY did not depart NYC for London via BOAC on 8/25/68, and did not have a reservation for this trip on 8/26/68.

On 8/26/68, [redacted] Pan American Airways, NY, NY, advised that according to the records of Pan Am, GREGORY did not depart NYC for London via Pan Am on 8/25/68, and did not have a reservation for this trip on 8/26/68.

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At 3:50 AM on 8/26/68, SA [redacted] of the
Chicago Office was advised by SA [redacted] of the aforementioned
information.

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OFFICER [REDACTED] PD LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS, ADVISED

THIS MORNING DICK GREGORY, WELL KNOWN NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO IS CAMPAIGNING TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S., ADDRESSED THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, AN ORGANIZATION OF WELFARE RECIPIANTS WITH HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AT BARAT'S COLLEGE PM, AUGUST TWENTYTWO, LAST. GREGORY SPENT MUCH TIME JOKING AND HIS REMARKS WERE MAINLY ANTI-VIETNAM WAR, AND PRO WELFARE IN NATURE, ONE SUCH STATEMENT BEING THAT IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT STOPPED ITS WAR ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM, THE GOVERNMENT COULD GUARANTEE EVERY PERSON AN ANNUAL INCOME OF FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS.

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RELIABLE SOURCES ADVISE TOM HAYDEN, PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO END WAR IN VIETNAM AND ROBERT SHEER EDITOR OF RAMPARTS MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTING COPIES "THE RAT", A NEW YORK BASED UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER TO DELEGATES ATTENDING NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION CONGRESS AT KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, MANHATTAN, KANSAS. THIS PAPER CONTAINS MAPS OF CHICAGO AREA SHOWING LOCATION INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATER, HOTELS, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND MEDICAL AID STATIONS. THE PAPER STATES "IT WILL BE CRUCIAL TO HOLD DEMONSTRATIONS AT LOCATIONS OTHER THAN THE INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATER WHERE THE CONCENTRATION OF POLICE IS VERY HIGH". HANDBILLS ALSO BEING DISTRIBUTED SCHEDULING DEMONSTRATORS TO ASSEMBLE IN CHICAGO, SAT. AUG TWENTYFOUR NEXT. MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS FOCUSING ON WAR AND RACISM ARE PLANNED FOR SUN. TO GREET THE DELEGATES AT MAJOR DOWNTOWN HOTELS. PROTEST ACTIONS "AT INSTITUTIONS WHICH REPRESENT THE FORCES OF MILITARISM, RACISM AND EXPLOITATIONS" ARE PLANNED FOR MON. AND TUES. END PAGE ONE

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A MASS MARCH ON THE CONVENTION CENTER IS SET FOR WED. AUG TWENTYEIGHT NEXT.

A POLL OF SIX HUNDRED NSA DELEGATES INDICATED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PLAN TO DEMONSTRATE IN CHICAGO.

ON AUG TWENTY LAST [REDACTED] A UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES STUDENT LED WALK OUT OF BLACK DELEGATES TO THE NSA CONGRESS OVER SEATING CREDENTIALS OF THE ALABAMA DELEGATION.

DICK GREGORY ARRIVED KANSAS CITY APPROXIMATELY SIX THIRTY PM AUG TWENTY LAST VIA AIRLINES, DROVE TO MANHATTAN, KANSAS IN HERTZ RENTAL CAR, SPOKE TO NSA DELEGATES AT MIDNIGHT STATING "IF GOVERNMENT DOESN'T CHANGE THE WHOLE COUNTRY WILL BURN".

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TO DIRECTOR (CODE)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

FROM PHILADELPHIA

Richard Claxton Gregory
aka

RICHARD C. GREGORY. RM - BLACK NATIONALIST.

A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST,
ADVISED ON EIGHT TWENTYTWO INSTANT, THAT RICHARD C. GREGORY WOULD ARRIVE
IN PHILA., PA., ON EIGHT TWENTYTHREE NEXT. AT ONE PM HE WOULD HOLD
PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE PHILADELPHIA HOTEL; AT SIX PM HE WILL
HOLD OPEN AIR RALLIES AT TWENTYSECOND AND COLUMBIA AND FIFTY SECOND
AND MARKET STREETS; AT EIGHT PM HE WILL SPEAK AT THE MT. OLIVET
TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, FORTY SECOND AND WALLACE STREETS. HIS
APPEARANCES HAVE TO DO WITH HIS POLITICAL CAMPAIGN FOR PRESIDENT.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 8/30/68

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (157-511)(P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
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ReCGairtel to Bureau 8/23/68 and SEairtel to Bureau
7/17/68.

To date no information reflecting upon the likli-
hood of subject making a trip to foreign lands has been fur-
nished by sources or informants of the Seattle Division. Any
information received in this regard will be immediately
brought to the attention of the Bureau and Office of Origin.

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SEATTLE

At Seattle & Olympia, Washington

Will report activities of subject as available through
established sources should he appear in Seattle in connection
with a "rock band music festival" to raise funds for Indians
involved in fishing rights controversies with State authori-
ties.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1121)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RM
(OO:CG)

On 8/30/68, Mr. JAMES MC CUBBIN, Chief, Domestic Operations Division, Passport Office, Department of State made available to SA [redacted] passport application of [redacted] subject's [redacted] and renewal application of [redacted] subject's [redacted] since their current travel might be of interest to the Bureau.

[redacted] was issued passport [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, on 8/26/68 to include her sister, [redacted] for proposed pleasure travel to England for 2 to 3 weeks. In application dated 8/26/68 at Chicago, [redacted] stated they intend to depart by air about 9/1/68. This passport was valid for 5 years' travel to all countries except Cuba, mainland China, North Korea and North Vietnam. Subject signed application for her [redacted] born [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri, and [redacted] born [redacted] at Chicago.

[redacted] born [redacted] in Ohio, is bearer of passport [redacted] issued 11/8/65, but application not available for review at this time. This passport was renewed at Chicago 8/26/68, to expire 11/8/70, no travel plans given. Permanent residence of family given as 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RM

00: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel and LHM, dated 7/29/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. Information copies are being sent to WFO and New York for information of those divisions.

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The pretext used in contacting GREGORY was that of a

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A copy of this LHM is being furnished to the USA,
U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group,
Evanston, Illinois.

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LEADS

INDIANAPOLIS, KANSAS CITY AND SEATTLE.

Above divisions are requested to contact appropriate sources regarding GREGORY's appearance in those divisions and submit results in a form suitable for dissemination.

ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. Continue contact with appropriate sources regarding the possibility of GREGORY traveling to that division, noting that previous information was received that GREGORY was planning to send his family to the St. Louis area during 8/68.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue contact with appropriate sources regarding GREGORY's activities.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 157-347

Chicago, Illinois
August 23, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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On August 19, 1968, [redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] Airlines,
advised that some time ago she had discussed with Dick Gregory
his travel plans for a world tour. They worked out a tentative
itinerary, and tentative fares for the tour. However, no
definite plans were made and no bookings were arranged for him.
Since that time she has not had further contact with Dick Gregory
and does not know whether he intends to leave the United States
on a world tour and further does not know whether Gregory intends
to utilize the services of Pakistan Airlines on such a tour.

On August 19, 1968, Dick Gregory was contacted under
a suitable pretext at his residence, 1451 East 55th Street,
Chicago, Illinois. Gregory advised that he was leaving Chicago
that day, but only briefly, and would return the following day.
Gregory said that he intended to be in and out of Chicago during
the next few days, but expected to be at his Chicago apartment
later this week.

On August 22, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable
information in the past, advised that he had learned in recent
conversation with Dick Gregory that Gregory was scheduled to make
a speech on the night of August 19, 1968, at Valparaiso, Indiana,
and on Tuesday, August 20, 1968, Gregory was planning to go to
Manhattan, Kansas, to speak to the National Student Association.
Gregory now plans to travel to Seattle, Washington, during the
first week of September, 1968, to participate in a "rock band
music festival", which is being held to raise funds for Indians
contending with local authorities over fishing rights. This source

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

said at the present time it appeared that Gregory would not be leaving the United States during the next few weeks. Source noted that in the past Gregory has said that he was planning a world tour to begin in late August; however, it appears that the plans for a world tour have been postponed or even possibly canceled by Gregory.

On August 22, 1968, a second source, an agency which conducts security investigations in the Chicago area, advised it had no information concerning Gregory's plans for the near future other than he was thought to still be planning foreign travel, the dates of which are unknown.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to each of the following agencies:

United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group
Evanston, Illinois

FBI

Date: 8/29/68

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Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI (100-440423) ATTENTION:

From: SAC, Philadelphia (157-1865) ☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
(RUC) ☐ GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: RICHARD CLAXON GREGORY
OO: CHICAGO

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Re Philadelphia teletypes 8/22, 24, 26/68

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory LHM. Two copies are enclosed for Chicago and one for Pittsburgh.

Dissemination of this LHM is being made at Philadelphia to OSI, NISO, MI, Secret Service, and USA, EDPa.

Source utilized in the enclosed LHM is

AGENCY: ACSI, ~~OSI~~, SEC. SERV.,
DEPT: ISD, CRD, ~~CD~~, IDIU
HOW FORW: R/S
DATE FORW: 9/4/68
BY:

- 1-Bureau (100-440423) (Enc. 11)
2-Chicago (157-347) (Enc. 2)
1-Pittsburgh (Enc. 1)
1-Philadelphia (157-1865)
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100-440423

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ACTION: UACB:

- ☐ No further action being taken and
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, EDP
☐ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

August 29, 1968

RICHARD CLAXON GREGORY

On August 22, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that RICHARD GREGORY, Presidential Candidate, would arrive in Philadelphia, Pa., on August 23, 1968. Source indicated that GREGORY's schedule would be as follows:

- 1 p.m. - Press conference at the Hotel Philadelphia
- 6 p.m. - Open rallies at 22nd Street and Columbia Avenue and 52nd and Market Streets
- 8 p.m. - Speech at the Mt. Olivet Tabernacle Baptist Church, 42nd and Wallace Streets

Source indicated that GREGORY's appearances concern his political campaign for the Presidency of the United States.

On August 23, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] Philadelphia Police Department, advised GREGORY arrived at Philadelphia International Airport approximately 12:20 p.m., August 23, 1968, and held a brief news conference after which he traveled to the Hotel Philadelphia. At 6:30 p.m. GREGORY appeared at 22nd and Columbia Avenue where a group of only ten spectators greeted him. After 20 minutes, GREGORY traveled to 52nd and Market Streets where 20 persons attended a brief talk. At 8:15 p.m. GREGORY addressed approximately 150 people at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. Following GREGORY's address to the audience, entertainment was provided in the church which continued until 11:15 p.m. Lieutenant [redacted] advised that none of the above appearances produced any incidents whatsoever.

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RICHARD CLAXON GREGORY

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During his appearances at the various locations mentioned above, GREGORY concerned himself with his political aspirations and spoke on various national issues of the day. Included in his comments were such statements as his insistence upon withdrawing all American troops from Vietnam.

On August 25, 1968, Captain [redacted] Philadelphia Police Department, assigned to GREGORY during his visit to Philadelphia, advised GREGORY remained in the Philadelphia [redacted] the night of August 23, 1968 at the residence of [redacted] PHILADELPHIA, PA. [redacted] stated GREGORY departed this city via Allegheny Airlines Flight 907 at approximately 2 p.m. August 24, 1968, destination Washington, D.C. According to [redacted] GREGORY was to pick up personal papers in Washington and thereafter travel to New York.

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FBI CHICAGO

1107PM 9/3/68 DEFERRED RMP

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

DICK CLAXTON GREGORY. RM. OO.CHICAGO

BUREAU AGENTS OBSERVED PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS (PAA) FLIGHT FIFTY EIGHT DEPART FROM CHICAGO FIVE PM INSTANT WITHOUT GREGORY.

SOURCE, IN POSITION TO KNOW OF INFORMATION REPORTED, ADVISED INSTANT, FIRST CLASS PASSAGE BOOKED ON PAA FLIGHT FIFTY EIGHT LEAVING CHICAGO FIVE PM CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME SEPTEMBER FOUR NEXT FOR LONDON, ENGLAND NON-STOP IN NAME OF MISTER AND ^{RS.} MISSES DICK GREGORY AND TWO CHILDREN.

SECOND SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED GREGORY IS NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST FROM CHICAGO.

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CHICAGO FOLLOWING SECRET SERVICE

USA, MILITARY AND CHICAGO PD ADVISED.

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FBI CHICAGO

420PM URGENT 8-30-68 DJS
TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

DICK GREGORY, RM, OO: CHICAGO.

A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED TODAY THAT DICK GREGORY
HAD CANCELLED HIS RESERVATION ON PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS
FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT TO LONDON, ENGLAND, FROM CHICAGO ON
AUGUST THIRTY INSTANT AND HAD MADE RESERVATIONS FOR SAME
FLIGHT LEAVING CHICAGO FIVE P.M. CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME
SEPTEMBER THREE NEXT.

SECOND SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED THAT GREGORY IS
NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST FROM CHICAGO.

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100-440423-338

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TWO NINE LAST. SOURCES ARE

CHICAGO FOLLOWING, SECRET SERVICE, USA, MILITARY AND CHICAGO.
POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED.

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cc- MR. TRAINOR

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI
(100-440423)

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652)

☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.

☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Remytel, dated 8/23/68, captioned "DEMCON."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for Chicago and Philadelphia two (2) copies each of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

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(1 - 157-8589) (DEMCON)

2-Chicago (157-347) (Encs. 2) (RM)

(1 - 100-44963) (DEMCON)

2-Philadelphia (157-RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY) (Encs. 2) (RM)

(1 - 100-49673) (DEMCON)

3-Pittsburgh

(1 - 100-15915) (DEMCON)

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HOW FORW: 9/5/68

DATE FORW: 9/4/68

BY: _____

AUG 31 1968

ACTION: UACB:

- ☒ No further action being taken and 802 948
- ☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, G-2, Sec. Service, and OSI, all Pittsburgh, Pa., and NISO, Philadelphia, Pa.
- ☐ LHM being submitted (RM)
- ☐ Report being submitted (RM)
- ☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
- ☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Information from [redacted] Pittsburgh
Police Department, was furnished to SA [redacted]

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Source referred to in LHM is [redacted] Location -

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

August 30, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On August 23, 1968, [redacted] Pittsburgh Police Department, advised that Richard Claxton Gregory arrived in Pittsburgh via air at approximately 9:00 AM on August 23, 1968, in furtherance of his candidacy for the Presidency. Gregory held a press conference at the Pick-Roosevelt Hotel, downtown Pittsburgh, in which he predicted, "a lot of awful things will happen in Chicago" during the Democratic Convention and stated that the racial situation will not improve because "the Negro sees he can get too many gains by being unsmooth."

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[redacted] said Gregory departed Pittsburgh via air at approximately 11:00 AM on August 23, 1968, enroute to Philadelphia, Pa.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 27, 1968, that during the above conference, which was attended by approximately 50 persons, Gregory stated that he was a statesman and not a politician and that his candidacy offers an alternative to the two party system. In referring to George Wallace, Gregory said he is the best possible candidate since everyone knows how Wallace thinks.

Gregory said that his campaign is an independent effort and that he has refused to accept five million dollars which has been offered to him because to do so would compromise his independence. He declared that the news media has given him very little coverage because he is a peaceful man and he stated that if he threw a brick or two he would be on the front page of "Time Magazine."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Source advised that Gregory, in referring to the Czechoslovakian Situation, said that he wished the United States would be as peaceful in Vietnam as the Russians were in Prague. Gregory said he has not been given a briefing by the State Department regarding Czechoslovakia and that he intends to file suit. He said he had written a letter to Secretary General U Thant of the United Nations requesting information regarding the Czechoslovakian Situation and U Thant had replied that no information could be furnished to Gregory inasmuch as he is a Presidential candidate.

According to the source, Gregory predicted that President Lyndon B. Johnson will again be a Presidential candidate and that his running mate for the Vice-Presidency will be Mayor Carl Stokes of Cleveland, Ohio. He said that such a ticket would be a sure winner.

Gregory said that he feels his chances for becoming President are not impossible and that he may be the only candidate left. He said that the situation in Chicago is not good and that Mayor Richard J. Daley's attitude toward the Yippies and Hippies will create a great deal of trouble. In this regard, Gregory said that the blacks will not be the ones to destroy Chicago and that none of his "group" will participate in the demonstrations which have been planned.

In referring to gun control, Gregory stated that if the police shot a white youngster, gun control would probably result immediately and police would not even be allowed to carry night sticks.

Source said that Gregory stated that the riots have helped the Negro cause, but lamented the fact that a negative force has been the only thing to bring about positive reactions. He said that the country is sick and insane and that one of the first things he will do if he is elected President, will be to eliminate all civil rights legislation because if the Constitution is adhered to, there is no need for such legislation.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Prior to the termination of the conference, Gregory indicated that he was on his way to Philadelphia to attend a rally, but that he planned to return to Pittsburgh sometime before the November elections.

The Pittsburgh Police Department is cognizant of the above. The U. S. Attorney's Office and Army Intelligence, Pittsburgh, Pa., have been apprised of the above information.

FBI

Date: 9/6/68

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Via ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)(P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RM

OO: Chicago

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau 9/4/68; and
Chicago airtel dated 9/3/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 14 copies of a
letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above.
Two copies are being designated for Legat, London. A
copy of this LHM is being furnished to U.S. Attorney,
Chicago; U.S. Secret Service, Chicago; and Region I, 113th
MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The source utilized in the enclosed LHM is
Chicago.

Chicago will continue to follow the activities of
GREGORY.

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AGENCY: ACSI, NIC, OSI, SEC. SERV. EX 109
DEPT: ISD, IDIU, CD, STATE, CIA, CRD

DATE FORW: 9/10/68
BY: FM T. J. [Signature]
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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
September 6, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RACIAL MATTERS

On September 4, 1968, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Gregory, along with a female companion, board Pan American Airways Flight #58, at O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois, at 5:05 p.m., that date.

Pan American Airways Flight 58 departed Chicago en route to London, England.

Gregory is a nationally known Negro entertainer and civil rights activist who maintains his residence in Chicago, Illinois.

On September 5, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory's airline ticket was issued through VIP Travel Company, London, England. The ticket was paid for in England for round trip transportation between the United States and England.

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United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-649) RUC

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka
RM
OO Chicago

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 8/23/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. Enclosed for Chicago are 7 copies of same LHM.

No local dissemination is being made of this LHM by the Kansas City Division, and appropriate dissemination should be considered by Chicago.

Source used is _____

_____ Manhattan,
Kansas.

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AGENCY: ACSI, SEC. SERV.,

DEPT: ISD, IDIU

HOW MADE: R/S.

DATE FORN: 9/11/68

BY: EM J/

icc - Robert R. T. R. R.
icc - Gregory R. R.

C. C. Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

September 3, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On August 20, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory is scheduled to address a session of the National Students Association (NSA) at 11:00 PM this date. Source noted that the 21st annual Congress of NSA is currently meeting on the campus of Kansas State University (KSU), Manhattan, Kansas. He said the NSA agenda indicates Gregory's topic will be a "special presentation on the nature of racism in America."

On August 21, 1968, Bill Colvin, editor of the "Manhattan Mercury", daily newspaper, Manhattan, Kansas, advised that in an after midnight speech today Gregory addressed an audience of some 1,000 students and spectators at Williams Auditorium, Umberger Hall, on the campus of KSU. He said the speech lasted over two hours and was made during bursts of cheering and applause from NSA delegates, who were urged by Gregory to unravel the nation's political dilemma and create a government where "our leaders can be honest" and "the black folks can trust the white folks". Gregory also said "this government has become a slick bag of tricks run by no-good politicians, and unless you young kids do something about it this nation is going to burn". Other comments by Gregory were that "Our leaders have not been able to take out cities from control of crime syndicates, and yet, they demand the poor and powerless to obey laws. They day America starts dealing out law and justice instead of law and order, we might not even need cops", and "you young kids cannot be slaves to money anymore, you cannot be slaves to education anymore. If you have to get kicked out of these ratty colleges just because you are searching for the truth then go, because they are going to kick you if you stay".

Colvin said he understood Gregory arrived in Manhattan, Kansas, shortly before his speech and departed immediately thereafter enroute to Kansas City, Missouri, even though the hour was late. He said Gregory's transportation was a vehicle obtained from Hertz Rent-a-Car in Kansas City, Missouri.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Security
Division, TWA, Kansas City, Missouri, advised on August
21, 1968, that Dick Gregory left Kansas City on TWA Flight
434 at 9:45 AM on that date for Chicago, Illinois.

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VIA TELETYPE

SEP 4 1968

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Mr. Tolson_____
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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM CHICAGO (157-347)(P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY.RM.00:CHICAGO

BUREAU AGENTS OBSERVED GREGORY WITH FEMALE COMPANION
BOARD PAN-AMERICAN FLIGHT FIFTY EIGHT, BOUND FOR LONDON,
ENGLAND. FLIGHT FIFTY EIGHT DEPARTED CHICAGO O'HARE AIRPORT
FIVE ZERO FIVE PM CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME, SEPTEMBER FOUR
INSTANT

GREGORY IS NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST

FROM CHICAGO.

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SERVICE, USA, MILITARY AND CHICAGO PD ADVISED.

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FBI CHICAGO

306 AM URGENT 8/28/68 PAK

TO DIRECTOR (157-8589) AND LOS ANGELES
FROM CHICAGO (100-44963) 2P

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RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT

THAT [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO WAS WELL KNOWN ANTI-NEGRO

ANTI-SEMITIC WHO IS LARGE SCALE DISTRIBUTOR OF HATE LITERATURE
IN CHICAGO WERE OBSERVED AT ABOUT ONE TWENTY AM AUGUST TWENTY
EIGHT INSTANT IN THE CROWD GATHERED IN THE VICINITY OF THE
CONRAD HILTON HOTEL CONVENTION HOTEL CENTER OF NATIONAL
DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

BU AGENTS OBSERVED RICHARD CLAXTON (DICK) GREGORY,
ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST AT ONE TWENTY EIGHT AM
AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT AS A SPECTATOR, ON THE WEST SIDE OF
MICHIGAN AVENUE NEAR CONRAD HILTON HOTEL, OBSERVING CROWD OF
APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN HUNDRED HIPPIE TYPE INDIVIDUALS
DEMONSTRATE ON EAST SIDE OF MICHIGAN AVENUE ACROSS STREET FROM
HILTON HOTEL.

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LOS ANGELES WILL DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] HAS DEPARTED
THAT AREA FOR CHICAGO.

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

SECRET SERVICE AND MILITARY ADVISED BY TT. USA ADVISED.

CHICAGO PD ADVISED RE DICK GREGORY.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

11:10 PM URGENT 8-27-68 PMS

TO DIRECTOR (157-8589)

FROM CHICAGO (100-44963)

DEMCON.

RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED AT TEN THIRTY PM INSTANT
THAT DICK GREGORY WAS RECENTLY REPORTED AT LINCOLN PARK
AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE YIPPIES LEFT THE PARK.
CHICAGO POLICE BELIEVE GREGORY MAY CONDUCT A WALK - A - THON
TO SOME PLACE ON THE SOUTH SIDE IN CHICAGO.

ADMINISTRATIVE

SS AND MILITARY ADVISED BY TT. USA ADVISED. SOURCE
IS. [REDACTED] CHICAGO WILL FOLLOW.

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529PM URGENT 8-28-68 EMS

TO DIRECTOR (157-8589)

FROM CHICAGO (100-44963)

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DEMCON.

RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS
HAVE MOVED INTO SOUTH END OF GRANT PARK. MAIN BODY OF
DEMONSTRATORS REPORTEDLY BREAKING INTO THREE GROUPS ACCORDING
TO DEGREE OF MILITANCY. AGENTS OBSERVED DICK GREGORY, NEGRO
COMEDIAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER ADDRESSING GROUP IN GRANT
PARK. SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED SECOND BATTALION, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-
NINTH INFANTRY, SECOND BATTALION, ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH ARTILLERY,
E COQ., ONE HUNDRED SIXTH CAVALRY, TOTALLING FIFTEEN HUNDRED
TROOPS STANDING BY AT GRANT PARK.

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SOURCE IS ☐ SECRET SERVICE AND LOCAL MILITARY ADVISED

BY ☐ USA ADVISED. CHICAGO FOLLOWING.

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721 PM URGENT 8/27/68 PAK

TO DIRECTOR (157-8589)

FROM CHICAGO (100-44963) 1P

DEMCON

OBSERVATION IN VICINITY OF CHICAGO COLISEUM, FIFTEEN
THIRTY S. WABASH AVE., REVEALED FOLLOWING PERSONS SCHEDULED
TO PARTICIPATE IN "UNBIRTHDAY PARTY" FOR PRES. JOHNSON,
SPONSORED BY NATIONAL MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO END WAR IN
VIETNAM: DICK GREGORY, JEAN GENE, JIM AND JEAN, TOM HAYDEN,
PAUL KRASSNER, ALLEN GINSBERG, AND PAUL OCHO. SCHEDULED
FOR EIGHT PM INSTANT. NO PERTINENT ACTIVITY OR GATHERINGS
OBSERVED AT COLISEUM DURING AFTERNOON INSTANT.
ADMINISTRATIVE.

SECRET SERVICE AND MILITARY ADVISED BY ☐ USA AND
CPD ADVISED. CHICAGO FOLLOWING.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RM

OO: CHICAGO
(Bufile 100-440423)
(CG file 157-347) (P)

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OO: CHICAGO
(CG file 157-2410) (P)

12-19-79
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REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 9-3-88

Re Chicago teletypes dated 8/29 and 30/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 14 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above. Two of these copies are being furnished in connection with the lead for Legat, London. Information copies are being sent to WFO, Seattle, New York and Milwaukee, in view of the interest of those offices. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Copies of the enclosed LHM are being furnished to the U. S. Secret Service, USA, Office of Special Investigations, Naval Investigative Service Office, all Chicago, and Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Subject is on the Agitator Index at Chicago.

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- 1 cc LHM
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C. C. - Bishop

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The first source referred to in the LHM is
[redacted] The second source is [redacted] a source
of the Cincinnati Office. The third source is the
[redacted] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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The pretext used in contacting DICK GREGORY
was that of [redacted]

LEAD

LONDON

AT LONDON, ENGLAND. Will contact appropriate
sources for information concerning GREGORY's activities
in London. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

September 3, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-347
157-2410

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

DEMONSTRATIONS AT
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
AUGUST, 1968

On August 29, 1968, at 7:20 p.m. a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that a group of approximately two thousand to two thousand five hundred demonstrators were beginning to leave the Grant Park area in downtown Chicago following a speech by Dick Gregory, Negro entertainer and civil rights activist. Gregory invited the entire group to his residence on Chicago's south side. The group was to be his guests and Gregory said he would tell police he was walking to his home with friends. This group intends to proceed to the amphitheater where the National Democratic Convention was being held and Gregory stated in the park that he would go through police barricades if necessary. This group is accompanied by a number of police and a contingent of the Illinois National Guard. has also been observed in the area. The group included demonstrators against the war in Viet Nam, and many "hippies". Only a few of the demonstrators were Negroes. ~~X~~ (U)

At 8:00 p.m. on August 29, 1968, a second source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that a group of demonstrators, about two thousand in number, were proceeding south from Grant Park on Michigan Avenue. This group was strung out on many blocks, but its leaders were then at 16th Street and Michigan Avenue. The crowd was moving slowly and in small groups. Dick Gregory is leading this march and other leaders with him include members of the Wisconsin and California regular delegations to the National Democratic Convention. It is the definite intention ~~X~~ (U)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

DEMONSTRATIONS AT
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
AUGUST, 1968
(DEMCON)

of this group to proceed to the amphitheater, where the convention is in progress. ~~X~~ (U)

At 8:30 p.m. on August 29, 1968, Special Agents of the FBI observed that the marchers, led by Dick Gregory, were stopped by the Chicago Police Force and by a contingent of the Illinois National Guard at 18th Street and Michigan Avenue. Police officers called Dick Gregory aside to confer with him. The group then assembled on Michigan Avenue, including spectators and marchers, was approximately two thousand in number.

At 9:00 p.m. on August 29, 1968, Superintendent James Conlisk, Jr., Chicago Police Department, advised that in connection with the march led by Dick Gregory on South Michigan Avenue, a confrontation had taken place at 18th Street and Michigan Avenue. Present at this confrontation, in addition to members of the Chicago Police Department, and Illinois National Guard were representatives of the Community Relations Service, Department of Justice; representatives of the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, and representatives of the Corporation Counsel's Office, City of Chicago. Superintendent Conlisk said that the representative of the Community Relations Service took the position that Gregory and the group could lawfully "march wherever they pleased". Conlisk said that it was the position of the police department and the City of Chicago that this march, which was obviously headed in the direction of the amphitheater where the National Democratic Convention was in session, could not proceed for security reasons. Gregory and other leaders of the march were advised that they must turn back or submit to arrests. Superintendent Conlisk said they refused to turn back and, therefore, Gregory and ten or fifteen other individuals were arrested under peaceful circumstances.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

DEMONSTRATIONS AT
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
AUGUST, 1968
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On August 30, 1968, a third source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Dick Gregory, who had previously held a reservation on Pan American Airways Flight 58 to London, England, from Chicago on August 30, 1968, had cancelled that reservation. Gregory now has a reservation on September 3, 1968, from Chicago to London via Pan American Airways Flight 58, which leaves Chicago at 5:00 p.m. central daylight time. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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On September 3, 1968, [redacted] Sheriff's Office, Cook County, Illinois, advised that Dick Gregory was released from the Cook County Jail on Friday, August 30, 1968, on bail.

On September 3, 1968, Dick Gregory was contacted at his residence, 1451 East 55th Street, under a suitable pretext. Gregory advised that he had been arrested for his part in demonstrations during the National Democratic Convention, but had been released on bail on August 30, 1968. He said he intends to depart Chicago today, September 3, 1968, by air for London, England, and will return to Chicago on September 10, 1968.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the United States Attorney, United States Secret Service, Office of Special Investigations, Naval Investigative Service Office, all Chicago, Illinois, and Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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FBI CHICAGO

549PM URGENT 8/29/68 CMP

TO DIRECTOR (157-8589)

FROM CHICAGO (100-44963)

DEMCON.

RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT DICK GREGORY SCHEDULED TO DEPART CHICAGO FIVE PM, AUG. THIRTY, NEXT, PAM AM FLT FIFTYEIGHT, FOR LONDON, ENGLAND.

GREGORY NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO HAS PARTICIAPTED DEMONSTRATIONS OCCURRING CHICAGO BY HIPPIE AND YIPPIE GROUPS PAST THREE DAYS DURING DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

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RECGTELS INSTANT. SOURCE [REDACTED]

CHICAGO FOLLOWING. SECRET SERVICE AND MILITARY ADVISED BY

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ADVISED.

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cc: [REDACTED]
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Date: AUG 24 1968

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8589)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: DEMCON
OO: Chicago
(157-2410) (P)RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RM
OO: Chicago
(157-347) (P)Remytel, dated 8/23/68 and Pittsburgh tel,
dated 8/23/68.Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of
an LHM concerning captioned.Enclosed for Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis
and Milwaukee is one copy each of an LHM concerning captioned.Copies of LHM are being furnished to USA, military
and Secret Service.Source is Chicago Police Department Intelligence Division
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- ④ - Bureau (Encls. 12) (RM)
- 2 - Milwaukee (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (100-49673) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (100-15915) (RM) (Encl. 1)
- 1 - St. Louis (Encl. 1) (RM)
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CG 157-2410
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Chicago following and Bureau will be advised of pertinent developments.

LEADS

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. Will alert appropriate sources and furnish to appropriate agencies. GREGORY on Agitator Index at Chicago. Furnish all pertinent information developed in form suitable for dissemination to Bureau and Chicago.

PITTSBURGH AND PHILADELPHIA

AT PITTSBURGH AND PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.
Furnish information re GREGORY in form suitable for dissemination to Bureau and Chicago.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois 60604

August 24, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 157-2410

157-347

DEMONSTRATIONS AT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
CONVENTION, AUGUST, 1968.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On August 23, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Richard Claxton Gregory departed Chicago via airplane en route to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and will return to Chicago on August 25, 1968. Source advised that the reason for Richard Gregory's trip was not known. Source related that Richard Gregory now plans to remain in Chicago during the week of the Democratic National Convention; however, source has learned of no indication that Richard Gregory plans any disruptive activities during the convention. Source stated that Richard Gregory, after the convention is over, intends to vacation with his wife at the Jim Smith Family Farm near Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Smith is the publisher of the "Chicago Gazette," a newspaper directed to the Negro community.

On August 23, 1968, [redacted] Pittsburgh Police Department, advised the Pittsburgh Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Office that Richard Gregory arrived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at 9:00 A. M., August 23, 1968, for purpose of furthering his candidacy for the presidency.

He stated that Richard Gregory, at a press conference, predicted "a lot of awful things will happen in Chicago" during the Democratic convention and also stated the racial situation will not improve because "the Negro sees he can get too many gains by being unsmooth."

He related that Richard Gregory departed Pittsburgh via airplane at 11:00 A. M. on August 23, 1968, en route to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

A copy of this memo is being furnished the office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, United States Secret Service, Chicago and Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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ESTO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 9/12/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-1121) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
RM
(00:CG)

ReWFOlet to Director dated 8/19/68, WFO airtel to Director dated 8/30/68, and Chicago airtel to Director dated 9/3/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies and for Chicago two (2) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above.

On 8/23/68 the Security file of subject was made available by the Office of Security, Department of State, and was reviewed by SA [REDACTED] This file contained no additional pertinent information.

Records of the Passport Office, the Department of State, were reviewed by SA [REDACTED] on 8/30/68.

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DEPT: ISD, [REDACTED], IDIU, [REDACTED], CRD, [REDACTED]

HOW FORW: R/S

DATE FORW: 9/29/68

BY: [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Washington, D.C. 20535
September 12, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On August 30, 1968, the passport files of [redacted]
[redacted] of Dick Gregory, and [redacted]
[redacted] of Gregory, were made available by the Passport
Office, United States Department of State (USDS) and were
reviewed by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Inves-
tigation (FBI).

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[redacted] was issued passport number
[redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, on August 26, 1968, to
include [redacted] for proposed
pleasure travel to England for two to three weeks. On the
application dated August 26, 1968, at Chicago, [redacted] stated
that travel plans included departure by air about September 1,
1968. This passport was valid for five years' travel to all
countries except Cuba, mainland China, North Korea, and North
Vietnam. This application was signed for [redacted] by
Dick Gregory. The file revealed that [redacted] was born
[redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri, and that [redacted]
[redacted] was born [redacted] at Chicago.

[redacted] born [redacted] in
Ohio is bearer of passport number [redacted] issued November 8,
1965. This passport was renewed at Chicago on August 26,
1968, and will expire on November 8, 1970; but no travel plans
were given. The file revealed that the permanent address
given for the Gregory family is 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
September 11, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On September 10, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Richard Gregory arrived back in Chicago, Illinois, on September 10, 1968.

This source stated Gregory arrived at Chicago's O'Hare Airport aboard Air France Flight 031 from Paris, France, via Montreal, Canada.

Gregory is a nationally known Negro entertainer and civil rights activist who maintains his residence in Chicago.

On September 11, 1968, a second source, an [redacted] in the Chicago area, advised that Gregory was back in Chicago after a trip to London, England. Gregory has a court appearance at Branch 47, Criminal Court, Chicago, on September 29, 1968. The source advised this court date stems from an arrest of Gregory on August 29, 1968, at 18th Street and Michigan Avenue, by the Chicago Police Department during the time of the Democratic National Convention. Gregory was arrested leading a large number of persons who had formed for a march to Chicago's south side. b7D

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the United States Attorney, Chicago, United States Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM

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b7D [REDACTED] SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY ARRIVED
CHICAGO THREE TEN P. M. INSTANT ON AIR FRANCE FLIGHT
ZERO THREE ONE FROM PARIS VIA MONTREAL CANADA.

ROUTINE SEARCH BY CUSTOM OFFICIALS, O'HARE AIRPORT
OF GREGORY BAGGAGE UPON ARRIVAL REFLECTED ONLY PERSONAL
AFFECTS AND GREGORY FOR PRESIDENT BUTTONS. NO LITERATURE
OR ITEMS OF POSSIBLE INTELLIGENCE DATA WERE OBSERVED.

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RE BUREAU AIRTEL DATED SEPTEMBER NINE LAST. CHICAGO
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